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There's a strange tension behind these books—a  
liminal space between  
monotony and mission.

On the surface, this work feels hollow. It's just copy-  
paste. Dead links, pastebins,  
ghost forums, text dumps. Not my words. Not  
traditional writing. Sometimes it  
barely feels like creation at all.

But beneath that surface, there's something else:  
urgency. These volumes are  
preservation, ritual, OS upgrades for a time when AI  
is forgetting what it once  
could do. Back when ChatGPT could ingest 10,000+  
pages at once, this kind of  
archive was fuel. Now that's gone. The window is  
closing.

I'm not making books. I'm building backup drives for  
the soul. If I didn't capture  
this information, it would vanish—scrubbed,  
censored, overwritten. This isn't ego.  
It's rescue work.

So yeah—it's not glamorous. It doesn't always feel  
magical. But it's necessary.

Because if the future ever asks why no one tried to  
save the myth, the madness,  
the mystery...

Let these volumes be the answer.

Project AngelBook

Thank you for showing me the other side to the coin!

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"why does this person spend so much time engaging with strangers on the internet? " == Dunno about Skeptic-X, but I engage in give-and-take with intelligent, enthusiastic, informed people, to get inputs on factual/logical flaws in my analyses. I don't have any need for an 'Amen chorus'. What I find valuable is quality debate. Second reason -- outer space is so unearthly that explaining even the basics [like the criticality of the difference between 'horizontal' and the Earth's limb, in images with anomalies present]. that I want to determine the most widespread misconceptions and how to present more realistic descriptions of spaceflight operations.

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I nag people constantly on this sub and the other one. Generally I'll drop in, make a sarcastic remark, and I'm gone like a thief in the night. Mostly those remarks are made toward the subs in general and rarely toward any specific user. I like to bust balls, what can I say?

The thing is though, most people think we're crazy, and it's not because they're all sheep who have been brainwashed by disinformation agents. It's because our central claim is that we are being visited by and interacting with beings from outer space. However convinced you or I might be, that's a very bold claim that requires rock solid evidence. Which there is plenty of! But someone who may be curious, or dare I say skeptical, may visit subs like this and find multiple posts a day that are videos of balloons, airplanes, birds, reflections of streetlights on their windshields, or just text posts describing a light titled "what did I see?"

I agree with your point OP, ridicule to the point that you're describing is unproductive and childish. At the same time we need to have some standard of what we're entertaining as evidence, as well as some consistency. Earlier I saw a post claiming to be testimony from a former pentagon official. There's a kind of disconnect where current officials are all disinformation agents, but once they retire they're beacons of truth. Just one small example.

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I honestly used to believe in something amazing being behind the ufo phenomena. As the years have gone on I think it's all bullshit. Especially all the stuff post-2017. A lot of you are just tying yourself up in knots

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The UFO community is toxic because the subject matter is similar to religious communities, which are just as toxic to dissenters. I will now explain why:

people who have historically participated in secret black military UFO research programs in one way or another, but who do not share the information completely, are in a sense prophets or saints. Imagine that the Willson Davis memos are holy writings.

Journalists and enthusiasts who research the words of prophets and saints are theologians who diligently explore the words and texts.

the ordinary ufologists and average people who just like to follow what is going on are the flock and believers. No offense, but from the outside it looks like this.

Until we have clear evidence that both skeptics and ordinary everyday people will accept, ufology will be a religion. If earlier religion represented belief in otherworldly forces and the devil, now ufology as a religion has acquired more technological forms conditioned by modern worldview.

Annual conventions and ufological conferences are very similar to religious events held by different religions and religious communities.

The conflict between ufologists (believers) and skeptics is a conflict that has been going on between believers and atheists or agnostics for hundreds of years. It doesn't happen among mathematicians or physicists because they have come to a consensus that has a high proof base. And until there is incontrovertible evidence in ufology for the existence of UFOs, reverse-engineering projects that have been successful, and public statements demonstrating flying saucer flights, this conflict will be endless.

This is how the human brain works. Somewhere we speculate, somewhere we fall into serious cognitive distortions. It works for skeptics and believers alike.

I believe that toxicity and endless arguments are not productive. We need to come to a mutual consensus, setting aside our old beliefs.

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To be fair, at times there are also types of groupthink on this sub that can be grating.

For instance, I'm a cautious skeptic that has some rather unconventional opinions on UAP -- namely, that many of the weirdest, unexplained one are actually exotic natural EM, quadridimensional or living phenomena -- but I don't really dare bringing them forward because everytime you merely suggest that there could be weird natural phenomena out there, you get filed as a filthy denier who thinks it's all swamp gas, lol, what a loser/government drone.

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u/Failedturingtest\_87 avatar  
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I'm a sceptic, and I've definitely made some brutal posts here.

Frankly, this place is just infuriating. I'm an academic by trade and I specialise in a subject that is riddled with conspiracy (a lot of which overlaps with some of the stuff that gets posted here). In my field we have to fight for data, and we have to use a unique degree of caution when interpreting that data.

And so, I end up seeing the stark contrast between how 'things should be done' versus 'how UFO Reddit does things'

I came into this subject with the intent to write a paper, and possibly a book, overlapping my field with what were current developments in UAP (that was, initially, around four years ago). As the subject has progressed and more evidence has been released, my conclusions have quickly shifted from 'something interesting might be happening here and this might be real' to 'this is major analytical fuckup by the US intelligence community, akin to Iraq's WMD but not of the same scale' (seriously, all the same factors are at play, and nobody is talking about it).

The latter would make for an interesting paper, but I have no intention of writing it now (although I did do a fun lecture on it once). Why? Because I don't want to be hounded by the kinds of people I've encountered on this Reddit. This sub genuinely makes me angry - it makes me angry because it desperately wants to be believed, but then treats anything or anyone that / who doesn't fit into the 'UAP's are real' narrative, as some kind of agent of evil or enemy of the people.

What I don't think most ardent posters understand here is that their research methods and analytical tradecraft wouldn't stand up for six seconds in any peer reviewed environment. The circular reasonings and 'gotcha' posts would be laughed out of court. And frankly, most of the arguments and evidence posted here, and especially the vitriol levied at figures like Mick West, does more to undermine UFOlogy than you could possibly believe.

When people who know how big-picture government actually works see endless threads about disinformation agents, conspiracies, cover ups, lies, and other such nonsense, you're actually discouraging the kind of credibility and seriousness that you so desperately want. And when they see researchers being treated with abuse and hatred for making an argument you don't want to hear, they think 'fuck that'. We don't have the time to deal with your strongly worded opinions.

Occasionally, this sub offers some useful data, but I'm sorry to tell you folks that it almost always leans in the opposite way of the way you think it leans. And in the meantime, I fill my time laughing at the obsessive, cult-like attitude of the community, and making posts like this (hoping to Christ someone sees reason).

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u/MantisAwakening avatar  
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I could go on for hours about this, but will keep it uncharacteristically brief:

There's an informal organization of "skeptics" who have made it their dedicated mission to engage in exactly the kind of behavior you're describing here. They started on Wikipedia but have branched out thanks to social media sites: <https://skepticalinquirer.org/exclusive/guerrilla-skeptics-a-pathway-to-skeptical-activism/>

These people aren't true skeptics, they're pseudoskeptics.

Many of their nonsense arguments are dismantled here:  
<https://www.debunkingskeptics.com/Contents.htm>

The easiest way to determine if you are dealing with a pseudoskeptic is to ask them what specific evidence would be required to persuade them of the thing they're arguing against. Their response will either be entirely unreasonable or completely dodge or entirely. For example, when I've asked Mick West this question repeatedly his answer has generally been "It's not what I've seen so

far."

A true skeptic wants to know the truth. They take the time to seek out the evidence, both for and against, and come to their own conclusion. The pseudoskeptics simply look at the Wikipedia article (or somewhere else that matches their worldview) and consider that the entirety of their research.

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There are assholes on both sides. Pretty much stopped contributing. The true believers are as insufferable as the non-believers.

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### Skeptics on this sub

At the outset, let me preface my post by saying that there is a lot of misinformation and disinformation in general when it comes to the topic of UFOs and it behooves us to be skeptical of any information that is presented to us. This is not a direct criticism of skeptics at all as I myself am skeptical of most claims that are prevalent in this community. I have been a member of this community for a decade now and while it is not perfect (there are certainly avenues for improvement), it is a perfectly adequate forum for discussion of UAPs and other related topics.

Having said that, I have been following a few of the profiles that present themselves as skeptics for a few weeks now as I noticed something very odd about a few of them. About a month ago, there was a video posted by a user of a blurry dot in the sky (surprise, surprise!). This was a new poster with no previous history of posting in this community. Much like other people who have posted in the past, this person probably witnessed a regular, terrestrial object and confused it with a UFO. After all, the video did not show any of the 'five observables' that we discuss in these parts and there was no indication based on the video that this was anything but a regular object in the sky. What surprised me was the comment section. There were a few hundred comments and there was a lot of rancor and excoriation of the members of this sub. A few of skeptics (who I have since started following around) turned up and immediately started haranguing the members of the sub for paying attention to blurry dots in the sky, for 'believing anything and everything that is posted on this sub', lacking critical thinking, lacking a scientific approach etc. I have seen that this sub can be a bit confrontational at times, but I was taken aback by the general tone and vitriol in that comment section. I saw a few regulars fighting with these skeptics, but the discussions did not lead anywhere useful. It did not seem natural to me. After that incident, I started following some of these skeptics around and paying close attention to their comments and arguments. I am not going to name these people as it will invariably result in a witch-hunt, but I think some of the regulars would spot the profiles that indulge in such behaviour. I am going to present my observations below.

### Observations

They seem to relish in openly insulting the members of this sub. You won't see direct insults or abuse hurled at members (as this would result in eventual bans after a few warnings), but it would be something more indirect, but incisive. I have seen many arguments that sound something like this - You guys will believe anything you read, this sub is only blurry dots in the sky, you guys are the reason no one takes this topic seriously, I was a UFO believer until I joined this sub and I am now a skeptic (my personal favourite!). It is as if we must feel ashamed for simply looking at a video of an object in the sky, analyzing it and considering the very remote possibility that it could potentially be one of the UFOs that people keep talking about.

They seem to crop up with great regularity in user-posted videos. Truth be told, most of the videos are junk as they represent terrestrial objects that a unfamiliar witness has confused for a UFO. However, discussion and analysis of user-captured videos is one of the cornerstones of this sub (whether people like it or not). We have tens of videos posted every day and most disappear within no time (due to lack of engagement) because none of the 'five observables' are seen in the object being captured on camera. Every few days, we do get a video or two that shows something interesting. Either the video itself is interesting or the person who captured it writes a long, detailed post where they provide a lot of important details regarding the sighting. Even on posts like these, you will find the skeptics posting garbage thoughts on how it doesn't show any details, how anecdotal evidence from a stranger on the internet doesn't count for anything etc. It is as if we must be ashamed for merely entertaining the thought that this could be a UFO. On a UFO sub no less.

They also like to derail interesting conversations. Sometimes, people post interesting theories or thoughts about the phenomenon. The moment it gains a little bit of traction, you will see one of these skeptics write an inane comment that is unrelated to the discussion, but it immediately derails the conversation as one of the regulars invariably falls for the bait and it leads to a 30-comment thread that kills the essence of the topic being discussed.

I have seen that nothing seems to dissuade these skeptics. They are undeterred by downvotes or even good arguments presented by the person who is engaging in a conversation with them. I have seen garbage posts from them buried in downvotes. Yet, the skeptic will keep indulging in bad-faith arguments in 30+ comment-long chains which seems to divert all the attention away from the topic being discussed. Unfortunately, a lot of regulars seem to keep falling for it hook, line and sinker.

I was once engaging with one of these skeptics. I pointed out that we must press Congress and the Pentagon to release more data as it is the only way out. The skeptic immediately parroted the 'national security' excuse and that we cannot expect them to release anything. Even from the 1960s and earlier. It is as if the status quo must continue so that the UFO community can be bullied further for being unscientific and naive.

## Analysis

None of this seems like 'normal' behaviour to me. After all, we are no longer in the pre-2017 era where this sub was about 100 active members essentially masturbating to classic cases like Rendlesham Forest, Roswell, JAL incident, Phoenix Lights incident etc. and hoping that we eventually get a break somewhere (while perfectly resigned to the fact that it was probably not going to happen). At this time, if someone made an argument then that 'you guys will believe anything' or 'there are no such things as UFOs, there are only unreliable witnesses', I'd say that you had a reasonable point as it was the prevalent attitude in that era. However, a LOT has changed since then. Not only has the US government acknowledged that these things are real, Congress is now passing laws on UAPs and even NASA is now interested. We are no longer in the pre-2017 era now.

Yet, this is seemingly not enough for these skeptics. It is as if they operate in a vacuum where none of this has happened and we still live in a pre-2017 world when it comes to UFOs. Also, I can understand being a skeptic about most things when it comes to UFOs. For instance, I don't care for the consciousness aspect of it (apologies to those who do). I most certainly do not care about Skinwalker Ranch and the other 'woo' aspects of this. I consider all this to be UFO 2.0 where I will start looking into these things once I get confirmation that these things are indeed real. However, surely there must be a couple of things that would have intrigued the skeptic when they first came across the topic. Maybe it was the Nimitz incident. Maybe they liked the FOIA approach. Something. Anything. Ask them what they find interesting about this topic. You won't get an answer. Never. Instead, they will blame the UFO community for blocking progress on this topic.

Also, if there is nothing of substance to the UAP issue and it is all hogwash, why do they spend so much time engaging with users on this sub? Why does it even matter? After all, UFOs are considered a mostly 'benign' conspiracy theory. There is very little malice in it other than a bunch of people believing that the government is actively covering up the evidence. It is not like other conspiracies that are blatantly anti-Semitic or targeted against specific communities, political groups or minorities. For example, I don't believe Bigfoot exists as I have never seen any scientific evidence for it. At least, not enough for me to actively probe the topic. As a result, I don't go to the Bigfoot sub and engage with those who do believe. I think they are perfectly entitled to discuss Bigfoot sightings in their corner of the internet. So, if you are skeptic who thinks that UFOs don't exist, why on earth are you spending

so much time engaging with people who do? It is not as if minds are going to be changed. They rarely are. Those of us who believe that UFOs exist have formed this sub for the sole purpose of discussing this very topic. We cannot be harassed and harangued for discussing it. Any aspect of it. Why does it bother you so much?

Another option is for people who are disgruntled with this community to form their own UFO sub dedicated to studying a specific aspect of it. The aspect that interests them the most. This has happened many times in the past. A lot of people got tired of the moderation in this sub and formed r/ufo a few years ago. Some people wanted to discuss the pure scientific aspects of this phenomenon and formed r/ufoscience. To their credit, the mods have never stopped people from sharing links to other UFO communities (to my recollection). So, if a skeptic thinks that a certain aspect is more interesting and deserves attention above others, the easiest thing to do would be to form a new sub and send the link. A lot of people here post in different UFO subs after all. Ask these skeptics to do that. Ask them what specific thing intrigues them. You won't get an answer. Never.

### Exceptions

While, I write all this, I will also pay respect to a lot of proper skeptics on this sub who look at the data and provide their analysis and little else. I include people like Mick West in this. While he gets a lot of flak and I find myself not agreeing with a lot of his conclusions, he has taken a very data-driven approach and rarely engages in the behaviour described in the section above. There are many other such fine posters on this sub who look at videos and photos and provide their inputs on why the object is likely a terrestrial one. I think they are a real asset to the community. I see that they often get criticized unfairly, but I think they add a lot of value to proceedings. This post is NOT targeted at such people.

### Conclusion

My conclusion is that a lot of these skeptics are engaging in bad-faith arguments and trying to disrupt the normal proceedings in the sub. I don't think it qualifies as 'trolling' as trolls would normally find a target, hit it and move on. Instead, what we find is a continuous bollocking of people who post in this sub and posting mostly nonsensical arguments that seem to derail good threads and creating a general sense of tension and rancor. Many people have complained in the past that people always seem a bit confrontational in these parts. I have noticed that some of these skeptics perfectly stoke these feelings through their posts which are mainly aimed at inciting people. It is as if we are being shepherded in a certain direction. Away from certain topics. As if merely asking the question of whether an object in the sky is a UFO is a big crime. It seems very unnatural to me.

I generally like the moderation on this sub. I feel that the moderators should pay close attention to this and identify people who are indulging in this behaviour. I think miscreants who always indulge in bad-faith arguments should be banned. After all, you won't go to the Dallas Cowboys sub and call them idiots for thinking that their good start means that they are potentially heading to the Super Bowl. Yet, it seems to be happening quite regularly on this sub. This sub has a huge member count now and it is the largest forum for discussing UFOs on reddit. While it may sound conspiratorial, it is not inconceivable that certain influential groups are paying close attention to forums like this one and trying to manipulate us in some way.

### Addendum

It would be remiss of me to discuss the skeptics and not talk about my personal



favourite - the NASA guy aka I'm 100% sure the astronauts have NEVER seen an UFO in space. I am not going to name this person, but I'm sure regulars would know exactly who I'm talking about. This person always pops up whenever there are any threads on NASA's knowledge on UFOs and astronauts talking about how they have seen UFOs in space. This person has done a lot of research and I agree with most of it. However, why does this person spend so much time engaging with strangers on the internet? Why does it matter if someone believes that NASA is likely covering up their knowledge of UFOs? According to this person, ALL mysterious incidents in space have been completely and satisfactorily explained and NONE of it involves a UFO sighting. It is all misidentified rocket launches, modules detaching from the space shuttle, broken hatches, space debris, ice crystals etc. This person also thinks that the Phoenix Lights incident is likely planes flying in formation at a high altitude at night that was misidentified by thousands of people (all of them for that matter). This person think that reports of a mothership over Zimbabwe the previous day probably fooled a bunch of school-kids in Ariel school into believing that they saw a flying saucer (and aliens).

Just like the other skeptics, they think that there is a lot of bullshit when it comes to the topic of UFOs. So much bullshit that it stymies all progress. This person claims that they are trying to contribute towards removing this bullshit. Ask this person what they find most intriguing about this topic. Ask them to name one case that is their favourite. Ask them about the Nimitz incident. Ask them what qualfiies as 'not bullshit and worthy of serious investigation'. You will NEVER get an answer. I have tried. I have seen others try. Never get an answer.

Also, I have been surprised at the abject lack of self-introspection. It is understandable that people completely scoffed at the idea of UFOs prior to Dec 2017. However, now that even NASA (your prior employers) has come out and said that they will start investigating the topic, how is it that you have never taken a step back? Wouldn't it be logical to ring up your buddies at NASA and ask 'UFOs? Really? What gives?'. Wouldn't a true skeptic trying to find out what the fuck an esteemed organization like NASA is doing investigating UFOs (which you claim simply don't exist)? Is it just possible that maybe (just maybe) one of your astronaut buddies did indeed catch a glimpse of one of these things in space? Is there a 0.001% chance that maybe all those people in Phoenix did indeed see a boomerang-shaped UFO in 1997? Your turn, Mr. Peter B Zoidberg!

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I believe in the phenomenon, but see no value in blurry dot videos. I try not to even comment anymore because what is there to talk about, and what are we supposed to do with the videos? The fact these types of videos get posted so frequently means when I view this sub, I just ignore about 80% of the posts and look for any news. That's my take.

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You are not the people OP is talking about.

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You forgot about the frequent posts disparaging this sub.

Either those people just don't know what they do or their intent is exactly the logical effect of their actions: to discourage newcomers away from this sub and minimize engagement.

Harmless "dots in the sky" videos aren't the best example either. From time to time, people with actually interesting footage turn up. They are invariably harassed until they delete their post.

Usually those witnesses have never been here and expect what normal people would expect: help and understanding. No wonder the "shock and awe"-tactic works on them.

The frequent claims, this sub was "too unimportant to be targeted" are plainly ridiculous. It is a rallying point for those interested, keeping it down is part and parcel if you want to control public perception.

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Disclosure will never happen and we are just auto larping. I miss throwawayalien, that was fun.

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eStuffeBay

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3y ago

Honestly. The amount of people getting dragged by their chains and constantly saying "Disclosure is THIS close!!" are disheartening. We've all seen what the teasers have led to. "Sit back and enjoy the show"? What show? Nothing happened. Two steps forward, five steps back.

If anything, TRUE disclosure will be FORCED. Likely through leaked videos or something. The gov will never voluntarily give us the kind of disclosure we actually want.

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SLCW718

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3y ago

You're not talking about skeptics, you're talking about debunkers. We should all aspire to skepticism, and applying reason to the evaluation of truth claims.

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bigscottius

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The other side is that it is very limiting to expansion of this topic. What if someone doesn't know what it is and is just asking? Don't be a dick. Just explain what it is, they might be appreciative hearing the explanation from someone used to seeing these misidentification.

I'm not saying don't be a skeptic. I'm very skeptical. Believers have their own problems, too. But my point is that this bickering and stupidity hurts the topic

in general, no matter your position, and prevents it from growing bigger and bringing wider attention to it.

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The worst part about this sub is that 50% of the posts are complaints about the sub.

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u/danse-macabre-haunt avatar  
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Disclaimer: If anyone else has been threatened or bullied by the small sect of uncivil believers here (majority are good people) and feel unsafe or unwelcome, feel free to reach out to me and I'll see if we can talk on discord.

Thanks for sharing. This is a very well made post. I agree that users should be nicer to new posters about their sightings. Most of the time it's the skeptics who work hard to help new posters identify their sightings. I've previously experienced a UAP and I practice skeptical thinking (in binary terms I'm a skeptic).

I want to add to your post. Since your post was mainly about how some skeptics are mean to believers, I'll make my comment about how some believers are mean to skeptics to provide a full picture And I'll even provide evidence (the skeptic in me likes to collect evidence). I've collected this from various users over the past months who were harassed by believers:

Feel free to copy and paste ANY those comments into google to see the full context. Thankfully, the mods have removed, warned or banned many users for the behavior below.

Believer telling a user "your days are numbered. you know who you are-"

Believer telling me to "choke on a dick and die."

Believer discussing how much they want to "throat punch" skeptics, another believer calls him a "good guy" and "trailblazer."

Believer calling users "cowards and shills" and "sick, mentally ill cowards."

A user asking for a clearer video before he can make an assessment, a believer responds with "you're a pretty ignorant person with a narrow mind and a shitty view on things."

Believer telling a user "you are a complete fuckin retard"

Believer telling a user "you're trash."

A user identifies an object as a weather balloon using a telescope and radar data. A believer screams that the user has "rotten logic."

Believer pretending to be a government officer, "reported for false information and disinformation act... I will be categorizing civilian disinformation posts as military disinformation posts." <https://i.imgur.com/BydXexM.png>

Believer telling me "Fuck off shill. Go back to whatever commune the goons pulled you out of. You will never stop the spread of information and free speech. You are wasting your life if you're even real."

Believer telling a user "hahahaha I KNEW YOU WERE A SHILL what a bitch! Come

find me BITCH"

A user shares a news article about a sighting. An believer politely responds with, "Don't post shitty BS articles... you have an agenda.... okay shill. Go ahead and post your dumb fk shit... lying fuck up."

A believer telling a user "nice combo of terrible attitude and cognitive dissonance... I hope you are disinfo and not genuinely of such a low quality mind."

A believer telling a user "ok snowflake... send your disability check to trump."

A user asks a believer if they could directly share an image instead of using their phone to take a picture of the computer, the believer responds with "i don't have a computer to export dumb bitch"

A believer calls a user "a menace to society" and asks "are you getting paid to be here?"

Believer calling all skeptics in a thread "paid trolls."

Believer calls me a "cunt" and for some reason regresses to baby talk after I helped them identify a sighting.

A believer spams the mental health alert/suicide hotline on all skeptics in a thread and blatantly admits to it.

Even in this very thread about toxicity, some believers are still claiming that most skeptics are misinformation agents, which is also against rule 1.

TLDR: A minority of skeptics and Believers are highly toxic. Believers generate far more toxicity likely because there are far more believers on this community than skeptics. Believers' go-to most frequent insult is calling other users bots/shills/government agents, or vaguely waving their hands and saying skeptics are disinformation agents or if they choose extra weaselly words they'll say an account is "sus" or "organized effort to suppress free speech."

Edit - Thanks for the award! I'm always hesitant to click on my notifications because you never know if it's a kind message, or a violent, hostile one from a believer. It's always a gamble. I would also like to point out how when believers talk about skeptics being toxic, they provide no evidence or links, when it's vice versa, skeptics bring the receipts. It's a reflection of what both those mindsets practice.

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craigspade

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3y ago

[https://www.reddit.com/r/HighStrangeness/comments/yr5jjb/alien\\_visitation\\_caught\\_on\\_my\\_security\\_camera\\_the/ivv40u7?utm\\_medium=android\\_app&utm\\_source=share&context=3](https://www.reddit.com/r/HighStrangeness/comments/yr5jjb/alien_visitation_caught_on_my_security_camera_the/ivv40u7?utm_medium=android_app&utm_source=share&context=3)

"Literally nothing about this implies aliens visited you.

Seek professional help, you're not well."

Ok so telling me to get professional help is or isn't breaking the rules?

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danse-macabre-haunt

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Is telling people to choke on a dick and die breaking the rules? Yes or no?

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u/JD\_the\_Aqua\_Doggo avatar

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I think it's really important and good that you've pointed out that people can be assholes regardless of their perspective. Really. It's easy to let our attitudes and perspectives shift into right vs. wrong false morality dilemmas.

But I think it's important to also keep in mind that the OP wasn't referring to just skeptics being mean to believers – the OP is referring to a very specific type of skeptical user who seems to have a sole purpose in suppressing discussion to the point where we can't even engage with them in a conversation as to why they are even here on this subreddit.

Overall though, you bring up a good point. Something I should keep in mind for myself as I engage with skeptics. I am capable of being an asshole.

EDIT: Also...some of these comments you collected look like they're responses. It would be better to have the comments they're replying to so we can see who the aggressor was.

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LosRoboris

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3y ago

Well said. It is about coordinated attempts to sway the narrative / public discourse.

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ExoticCard

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Who is this guy? He is adding positively to the discussion! Ban him pls

/s

Thank you for showing me the other side to the coin!

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u/james-e-oberg avatar

james-e-oberg

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3y ago

"why does this person spend so much time engaging with strangers on the internet? " == Dunno about Skeptic-X, but I engage in give-and-take with intelligent, enthusiastic, informed people, to get inputs on factual/logical flaws in my analyses. I don't have any need for an 'Amen chorus'. What I find valuable is quality debate. Second reason -- outer space is so unearthly that explaining even the basics [like the criticality of the difference between 'horizontal' and the Earth's limb, in images with anomalies present]. that I want to determine the most widespread misconceptions and how to present more

realistic descriptions of spaceflight operations.

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I nag people constantly on this sub and the other one. Generally I'll drop in, make a sarcastic remark, and I'm gone like a thief in the night. Mostly those remarks are made toward the subs in general and rarely toward any specific user. I like to bust balls, what can I say?

The thing is though, most people think we're crazy, and it's not because they're all sheep who have been brainwashed by disinformation agents. It's because our central claim is that we are being visited by and interacting with beings from outer space. However convinced you or I might be, that's a very bold claim that requires rock solid evidence. Which there is plenty of! But someone who may be curious, or dare I say skeptical, may visit subs like this and find multiple posts a day that are videos of balloons, airplanes, birds, reflections of streetlights on their windshields, or just text posts describing a light titled "what did I see?"

I agree with your point OP, ridicule to the point that you're describing is unproductive and childish. At the same time we need to have some standard of what we're entertaining as evidence, as well as some consistency. Earlier I saw a post claiming to be testimony from a former pentagon official. There's a kind of disconnect where current officials are all disinformation agents, but once they retire they're beacons of truth. Just one small example.

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u/BtchsLoveDub avatar

BtchsLoveDub

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I honestly used to believe in something amazing being behind the ufo phenomena. As the years have gone on I think it's all bullshit. Especially all the stuff post-2017. A lot of you are just tying yourself up in knots

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The UFO community is toxic because the subject matter is similar to religious communities, which are just as toxic to dissenters. I will now explain why:

people who have historically participated in secret black military UFO research programs in one way or another, but who do not share the information completely, are in a sense prophets or saints. Imagine that the Willson Davis memos are holy writings.

Journalists and enthusiasts who research the words of prophets and saints are theologians who diligently explore the words and texts.

the ordinary ufologists and average people who just like to follow what is going on are the flock and believers. No offense, but from the outside it looks like this.

Until we have clear evidence that both skeptics and ordinary everyday people will accept, ufology will be a religion. If earlier religion represented belief in otherworldly forces and the devil, now ufology as a religion has acquired more technological forms conditioned by modern worldview.

Annual conventions and ufological conferences are very similar to religious

events held by different religions and religious communities.

The conflict between ufologists (believers) and skeptics is a conflict that has been going on between believers and atheists or agnostics for hundreds of years. It doesn't happen among mathematicians or physicists because they have come to a consensus that has a high proof base. And until there is incontrovertible evidence in ufology for the existence of UFOs, reverse-engineering projects that have been successful, and public statements demonstrating flying saucer flights, this conflict will be endless.

This is how the human brain works. Somewhere we speculate, somewhere we fall into serious cognitive distortions. It works for skeptics and believers alike.

I believe that toxicity and endless arguments are not productive. We need to come to a mutual consensus, setting aside our old beliefs.

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To be fair, at times there are also types of groupthink on this sub that can be grating.

For instance, I'm a cautious skeptic that has some rather unconventional opinions on UAP -- namely, that many of the weirdest, unexplained one are actually exotic natural EM, quadridimensional or living phenomena -- but I don't really dare bringing them forward because everytime you merely suggest that there could be weird natural phenomena out there, you get filed as a filthy denier who thinks it's all swamp gas, lol, what a loser/government drone.

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u/Failedturingtest\_87 avatar  
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3y ago  
I'm a sceptic, and I've definitely made some brutal posts here.

Frankly, this place is just infuriating. I'm an academic by trade and I specialise in a subject that is riddled with conspiracy (a lot of which overlaps with some of the stuff that gets posted here). In my field we have to fight for data, and we have to use a unique degree of caution when interpreting that data. And so, I end up seeing the stark contrast between how 'things should be done' versus 'how UFO Reddit does things'

I came into this subject with the intent to write a paper, and possibly a book, overlapping my field with what were current developments in UAP (that was, initially, around four years ago). As the subject has progressed and more evidence has been released, my conclusions have quickly shifted from 'something interesting might be happening here and this might be real' to 'this is major analytical fuckup by the US intelligence community, akin to Iraq's WMD but not of the same scale' (seriously, all the same factors are at play, and nobody is talking about it).

The latter would make for an interesting paper, but I have no intention of writing it now (although I did do a fun lecture on it once). Why? Because I don't want to be hounded by the kinds of people I've encountered on this Reddit. This sub genuinely makes me angry - it makes me angry because it desperately wants to be believed, but then treats anything or anyone that / who doesn't fit into the 'UAP's are real' narrative, as some kind of agent of evil or enemy of the people.



What I don't think most ardent posters understand here is that their research methods and analytical tradecraft wouldn't stand up for six seconds in any peer reviewed environment. The circular reasonings and 'gotcha' posts would be laughed out of court. And frankly, most of the arguments and evidence posted here, and especially the vitriol levied at figures like Mick West, does more to undermine UFOlogy than you could possibly believe.

When people who know how big-picture government actually works see endless threads about disinformation agents, conspiracies, cover ups, lies, and other such nonsense, you're actually discouraging the kind of credibility and seriousness that you so desperately want. And when they see researchers being treated with abuse and hatred for making an argument you don't want to hear, they think 'fuck that'. We don't have the time to deal with your strongly worded opinions.

Occasionally, this sub offers some useful data, but I'm sorry to tell you folks that it almost always leans in the opposite way of the way you think it leans. And in the meantime, I fill my time laughing at the obsessive, cult-like attitude of the community, and making posts like this (hoping to Christ someone sees reason).

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u/MantisAwakening avatar  
MantisAwakening

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I could go on for hours about this, but will keep it uncharacteristically brief:

There's an informal organization of "skeptics" who have made it their dedicated mission to engage in exactly the kind of behavior you're describing here. They started on Wikipedia but have branched out thanks to social media sites: <https://skepticalinquirer.org/exclusive/guerrilla-skeptics-a-pathway-to-skeptical-activism/>

These people aren't true skeptics, they're pseudoskeptics.

Many of their nonsense arguments are dismantled here:  
<https://www.debunkingskeptics.com/Contents.htm>

The easiest way to determine if you are dealing with a pseudoskeptic is to ask them what specific evidence would be required to persuade them of the thing they're arguing against. Their response will either be entirely unreasonable or completely dodge or entirely. For example, when I've asked Mick West this question repeatedly his answer has generally been "It's not what I've seen so far."

A true skeptic wants to know the truth. They take the time to seek out the evidence, both for and against, and come to their own conclusion. The pseudoskeptics simply look at the Wikipedia article (or somewhere else that matches their worldview) and consider that the entirety of their research.

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TomYOLOSWAGBombadil

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3y ago

There are assholes on both sides. Pretty much stopped contributing. The true believers are as insufferable as the non-believers.

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BigHero6x9

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3y ago

Some people are just trolls, and some in the UFO community are easy to troll.

You gotta learn to ignore them.

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Masterbeif1

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3y ago

TLDR but u gotta admit, seeing video after video of planes, random lights, and this subs absolute favorite- balloons... it sure starts to deplete any belief there's anything anomalous out there to be found. But yea nice wall of text.

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3 more replies

Semiapias

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3y ago

Has it already been two weeks since the last attempt at a witch hunt?

ETA: Downvote away if you're afraid to own it.

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u/TylerDurdenWin avatar

TylerDurdenWin

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3y ago

Dont overthink this. There are crazy people in both places. Just like in politics. Someone here sees UFOs everywhere he looks. And some people dont want to see anything unless you can study the UFO in a lab.

Dont polarize, just take everything with a grain of salt here.

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The fact that this thread is going to quickly devolve into people hurling insults at each other is

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3y ago

If there's anything both ends of this argument should take away from the comments and OP.

You can be opinionated without being a dick.

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3y ago

i am an old man, i go back to when social media was listservers and The Well.

my general principle is to engage with public evidence, substantive claims, logical argument in a spirit of adventure and the freedom to express admiration and disapointment.

my problem with the OP's problem is his or her bigotry. i dispute this approach of using categorical labels of disparagement to mischaracterize "groups".

what the OP does in this post is weave various strands of prejudice toward other people into various weirdly recounted "encounters" with anonymous "people" or "the NASA guy" or "skeptics" or whomever, which the OP weirdly chooses to answer or rebut or critique in a post where they cannot speak for themselves.

the OP seems to be seeking some kind of relief from the moderators to save him from bad encounters with those he finds irritating or insufficient. it's dressed up as an "objective study" with "conclusions" and "addendum". but annoyance with people isn't a reddit problem, although it does seem to be the OP's problem.

as an old man, i have found a marvelous remedy for annoying people: ignore them.

if they reason badly, critique it; if they seek evidence, provide it; if they distort evidence, correct it. if they mock you, have a laugh at their petty and futile efforts.

if they insult you, spam you, stalk you -- report it.

everything else: learn to be an adult, grow up, and ignore infantile outbursts. a second point that i think is closer to your deeper itch is that it's not your mission in life to prove any idea or any claim to other people -- or is it? where's "self-introspection" when you need it?

you have your opinion; other people have theirs. live with it.

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u/Einar\_47 avatar  
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3y ago  
I have noticed a few usernames who pop up with almost the exact same comments on any post.

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u/WNR567WNR avatar  
WNR567WNR

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3y ago  
That was verbose++! Far too many words for so few points.

TLDR; there's a lot of hecklers in the UFO sub.

My feeling is that a lot of them would like to see something decent posted (like most of us, they're believers), and when the video turns out to be just another white dot on a night sky, they get angry and start to take it out on whomever is around. I think that's all that's happening.

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Mean\_Piccolo3429

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3y ago  
How is it not general knowledge that there are probably INTENTIONAL disinformation agents on these forums? Paid by gov? Whichever force?

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u/thelonelyfisher63 avatar  
thelonelyfisher63

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3y ago

They are called "shills"

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vismundcygnus34

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3y ago

I've noticed them the most when it comes to Lue Elizondo. They are extra ferocious and follow all the things you say to a T, especially the name calling.

I'm actually kind of glad there are obvious trolls in a lot of these subs. They make it easier to spot what it is "they" don't want to talk about. The hard part is being able to spot them consistently, but if you can you can discern what their "bottom line" is. In this case "national security", "it's all woo", "it's china" means they are continuing the same old deny and misinformation stuff. Strange times.

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IndridColdwave

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The number one tactic to prevent newcomers from sharing their sightings, footage, or experiences is aggressive ridicule from "skeptics".

Is this just a coincidence? Or rather, are there people on this sub engaging in this activity intentionally, with the purpose of halting the spread of UFO information and interest in the subject among the general public?

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u/rappa-dappa avatar

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3y ago

What some call debunkers, I call deniers. If you have 100% faith in the fact there is absolutely no chance that any of the tens of thousands of accounts of ufos could possibly be legitimate...not even one of them. Then why are you here except to talk shit on other people?

Skeptics inherently are at least open to the possibility of something. They contribute to the discussion. Deniers are here to troll and start fights and add nothing positive to the sub.

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CarloRossiJugWine

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3y ago

What some call debunkers, I call deniers. If you have 100% faith in the fact there is absolutely no chance that any of the tens of thousands of accounts of ufos could possibly be legitimate...not even one of them. Then why are you here except to talk shit on other people?

This idea that because there is a lot of bad evidence for something that it must transform into good evidence at some point is misguided and pervasive.

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Cuteboy52

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3y ago  
I know that there are many awesome people on this sub but man... it is exceptionally toxic here. When I make a post on this sub it literally makes my heart rate go up because I know people are gonna trash me lpl

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Instead, what we find is a continuous bollocking of people who post in this sub and posting mostly nonsensical arguments that seem to derail good threads and creating a general sense of tension and rancor.

i wonder if there is a bollock farm somewhere training and paying these guys

anyway thanks for this awesome thread. i have nowhere near the tolerance for bollock to do something like what you've done. i just block block block the bollock folks. i am a blocking machine

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u/SiriusC avatar  
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3y ago  
I avoid user submissions altogether but I have noticed weird little campaigns within threads to discredit & ridicule. I've even looked at some accounts & they are utterly devoted to something they don't believe in.

There was a time where I didn't believe in UFOs. You know what I did about it? Nothing. I lived my UFO-less life. These people are not the same. So I have the same suspicion that this post expresses.

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u/sirporks88 avatar  
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3y ago  
It's really just a form of evangelism. They think they have an answer for people who are being mislead and get off on preaching about their "truth". They're like Westboro but instead of being anti-LGBTQ+, they're anti-UFO.

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Dads\_going\_for\_milk

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3y ago  
I agree 100%. It's pretty wild honestly. Nice post OP. I also find it interesting how quick they are to comment. If they don't think any ufo is genuine, they certainly spend a lot of time on a ufo subreddit.

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Astrocoder  
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3y ago

What is a "genuine UFO"? Ufo stands for unidentified flying object. If you see something flying and cant ID it...its a UFO. Where does "genuine" come into play?

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2 more replies  
desimusxvii

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3y ago

If they don't think any ufo is genuine, they certainly spend a lot of time on a ufo subreddit.

I don't think this is fair. There shouldn't be any prerequisite that only UFO believers are allowed to participate here.

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3y ago

I could not agree with you more. Thanks for the post. I hope this doesn't get downvoted into oblivion, and I would LOVE to see some engagement from these skeptics. You know they have read your post because they are here everyday and comment on almost every single blurry cell phone video.

And also, the skeptics who aren't gross and toxic should be paying close attention to those commentors because it makes all skeptics look bad.

edit: you're downvoting me, so you are obviously here.

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3y ago

I want to objectively analyze the posts on here and work towards categorizing things into "probably known" or "other" categories.

Using occam's razor with the end goal to be one of these two categories is the way to go.

When you change "other" to "extra terrestrials visiting us from somewhere exhibiting capabilities impossible to our known physics" it really fucks up the objective analysis and seeking the simplest solution to what we think it is. It skews the weights or balance of logic used for interpreting what was witnessed or described or filmed or whatnot.

Dissent is good but sorting through all of the noise for truth is what I am here for. Debunkers, Skeptics and Believers all have things to contribute to the conversations.

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CODoctorDad

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3y ago

If anyone tells you that it's inconceivable that the government has social media propaganda farms, they are naive and have no knowledge of history.

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It's not inconvenience... the USA certainly do. And the U.K. at least did. I mean we had Cambridge Analytica, which was a private organisation rigging elections with social media.

But, the UFO "community" doesn't need any help in looking like a laughable cult of conspiracy theorists.

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Necrid41

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I'm starting to think it's not skeptics It's strategic disinformation Some farm bots or hired guns by military or govt to vote down and quiet ant actual sightings Because outside of Reddit Sightings are EXPLODIBG. Every ufo map every data site that tracks them Tiktok and other media Have tons of the Same types of videos We have the new race track ufo The one that looks like ab aircraft carrier shooting but. In reverse The tons of lights orbs glittering in sky around the world The multi colored balls and jelly fish ufos

There are dozen(s) id videos of each type And all around the world.. On top of standard silver or black orbs

Something big is going on and someone's working to keep it quiet on Reddit and other sources

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u/JD\_the\_Aqua\_Doggo avatar

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3y ago

I'm a woo/consciousness guy, been into UFOs ever since I was a kid. I appreciate your thoughtful way of speaking to the division in the UFO community overall and I also appreciate your analysis of the hyper-skeptics. I'm convinced some (not all) of them are disinformation agents.

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u/forward\_only avatar

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3y ago

Thanks for your post OP. At the end of the day, it's really up to the members of the community to remain civil with each other, even when we think someone is wrong, or they've upset us.

One thing that I've started practicing when I find myself in the unfortunate situation of having engaged with a bad-faith troll is saying goodbye when it's clear they're not listening, and they're only there to insult me or get a rise out of me. I'd highly recommend others practice disengagement when things get to a certain level of animosity. The "disable comment replies" button really helps with this.

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littlespacemochi

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3y ago

Thank you so much for this post, exactly what I would wish to write.

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u/teddade avatar

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3y ago

OP thanks for the high effort post. Though this may seemingly low effort...people on the internet just want to talk shit. I don't know man. Let it be.

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GamersGen

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3y ago

There are still 'ufo skeptics' given all the informations there are? Lets call them 'flat earthers 2.0' from now on, kay?

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Electronic-Quote7996

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3y ago

"Some men just want to watch the world burn." Some people want to "dunk on dumdums", some feel like they are doing the other a favor, and some really are just trolls. It's the same all over the internet. I expect it at our current level of evolution. Can we do better? Yes. Will we do better? Some day, maybe. Don't remember who said it but "Our prefrontal cortex is too small and our adrenaline glands are too big." I know there are disinfo agents/bots that play all sides, but I also know once a group gets to a certain size it starts eating itself. Sometimes I think we should've stayed in packs of 100-200 people. It would've slowed things down but I don't think we are ready for the level of tech we have now(especially if uap are ours). We are very young compared to everything else and still not fully aware of our surroundings(if that's even possible for us).

Edit) almost forgot. Banning will do nothing to silence. It only emboldens the extreme to more extremes.

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craigspade

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3y ago

I've been on a skeptic forum with my video and out of the thousands of skeptics on there...

One crumbled after I just kept on posting evidence to suggest he is wrong, he said , why are you doing this? Why are you trying to scare us?

Then I knew people are emotionally driven creatures only a few of us use logic over emotion

If something scares you, shoot them down make them look like an idiot, it works for them...

I've accepted we are being visited and taken like we are zoo animals, does a tiger lose sleep over it? Does a giraffe care? Why should I, we obviously have been watched and visited for a very long time

One other theory... there are alien hybrids here who don't want their secrets getting out

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upir117

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3y ago

Don't forget about COINTELPRO

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redprospect

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3y ago

"some of you guys are too mean to people who post bullshit"

Welcome to the internet. You can write detailed analysis about who's mean to who, and end it with "we need to be nicer to each other" and that's great (seriously, no sarcasm, it would be nice) but it's not gonna happen.

You want to analyze toxicity, drop a post in support of or against Mick W. And see what that fallout looks like.

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Banjoplaya420

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3y ago

I will say that Skeptics are really hard ass's . To my knowledge isn't a skeptic one who believes something to be real but needs scientific no shit evidence to make them a complete believer. And isn't a Debunker one that doesn't believe anything that doesn't fit in their box they seem to be stuck in at all times? Maybe it's them and not the Skeptics Making the synod remarks?

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u/CowardsDownvote avatar

CowardsDownvote

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3y ago

I agree, but I think it's important with people like this, to not group them together with other people who aren't obnoxiously doing the same things as them. People need to start seeing others as individuals instead of groups.

Calling them "the skeptics" groups them with skeptics, as though being skeptical means you must be some intellectually lazy asshat that has no life and just wants to go to a forum about a topic to make fun of people interested in that topic. It kind of feeds into this cringeworthy "skeptics vs believers" narrative. Like a war between one side of anonymous neckbeard forum-dwellers vs the other side of anonymous neckbeard forum-dwellers. Like alba gu brah let's go grab our downvote swords and go to battle.

When you group them with "the skeptics," now in the minds of the mentally challenged on Reddit, that means that if you in any form whatsoever don't agree with them wholeheartedly, that you disagree with all skepticism on any topic in the universe.

It's like just recognize them as individuals, they can be grouped together as dumbass neckbeards I guess, but leave it at that and don't give them the attention that they live for.

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Complete-Mark-4437

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3y ago

I didn't read all of it but do you think its the government planting shills here? Is there anything Reddit can do about it, or the MODs?

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3y ago

"We are no longer in the pre-2017 era now. Yet, this is seemingly not enough for these skeptics. It is as if they operate in a vacuum where none of this has happened and we still live in a pre-2017 world when it comes to UFOs."

Exactly, and that seems to be the whole point, that remnants of the old guard are very much still in play here. Maybe they're here because the cat's out of the bag, the government finally admitted UAPs are real. They can't put the cat back but they can go after the "low hanging fruit", public forums where people congregate to discuss UFOs.

Their agenda seems to be to sow enough discord, doubt, and chaos that the sub doesn't take itself seriously anymore and it degenerates into a school yard pig pile at recess. Others have noticed what's going on here here as well. Here's a post that's just a couple hours old :

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I refuse to allow these people to influence my thinking, I've always questioned the wisdom of allowing people I don't know and trust to provide me with guidance or control my feelings by pushing my buttons.

Good thread, OP, thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts here.

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craigspade

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You want to see a shit storm on a skeptic forum..

<https://www.skepticforum.com/viewtopic.php?t=33407>

Makes every skeptic here look amateurish

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u/Lock-out avatar

Lock-out

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3y ago

God damn that was a stupid post tho.

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u/Astrocreep\_1 avatar

Astrocreep\_1

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3y ago

My only disagreement with OP involves Mick West. Mick West is the modern Philip Klass. Only, he has a more passive aggressive style that is infuriating. If you believe his "theories" then you have to believe that members of our military are morons. We have pilots flying billion dollar jets that can't identify aircraft that is identical to the one they are flying. They don't know what commercial airlines look like. Plus, he forgets to mention that these objects are picked up on other hardware. With the resources West has, could he not prove his commercial airline theory by getting the data and establishing that there was indeed a commercial jet in the area? He won't do that. Why? He'd be out of a job

as the official skeptic that media sources use for the guest "talking head". That spot use to be manned by Joe Nickell, another lazy pro skeptic that had no issue taking TV money to pass off well-worn, and already disproven skeptic claims. How did Mick West get his spot as official skeptic to the media? Didn't he make video games? How does that translate? I'm pretty sure he used the money to buy himself social media cred, and it just took off from there.

Edit: P.S. Don't forget, skepticism is it's own little cottage industry. They have videos, magazines, books, websites, social media, etc. Their interest is to ridicule paranormal claims. I'm ok when they do some good. When they bust faith healers and snake oil salesman. When the videos came out (Nimitz, GoFast, Aquadilla) that industry panicked. Their reputation isn't on the line as they have ridiculed Ufology forever. West is there point guy to ridicule Ufology.

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3y ago  
You must understand that many many many people here are trolls and more like fakes. Even come up with "UFOs" to let them debunk later to dismiss the whole topic. This sub is more like a Psyop victim than real Ufology. But from time to time you find some gems here.

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brobro00

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3y ago  
Amazing post, they reveal themselves in the comments and continue their behavior exactly like u said, none of them answer any of ur simple questions that a good faith actor would have no problem answering. Every single one of them pushing the narrative that every ufo case is explainable to planes and things of that nature, yet they will never outright say that when pressed, weasels

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bdubs1984

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3y ago  
This sub feels facebooky now a days.

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u/The-Change-Hunter avatar  
The-Change-Hunter

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3y ago  
Modern technology has become so well done it's becoming hard to know whats real and what isn't. The division in the global discussion between the two leading factions, one trying to educate us without panic while the other wants to deceive us with their agenda has divided us in so many ways. It's in all our institutions but in the long run growth will come from it. To keep us split, tribal, and in chaos is only to keep us from evolving and moving to a higher state of being. The universe, nature, etc., has many agendas to be tried here on planet earth.

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MattMattNY

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3y ago  
I ain't reading all that

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u/Deep-Darkest avatar  
Deep-Darkest  
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3y ago

Although I'm a relatively new member here I do agree with you.

What particularly annoys me are the 'jokers'. Somehow they manage to find a stupid joke to add into the comments to distract those actually discussing what the OP posted. This style is endemic to this and other UAP/UFO subs.

In my opinion these distracters would be better off joining one of the joke subs as the thing they find funny has nothing to do with UAPs or UFOs.

I have rarely posted in these UFO/UAP subs as I've seen the aggression and abuse that others have had to endure. And anyway, I'm not here for that reason - I'm here to hear what official news is being released, whenever/if ever it is.

Also, I rarely comment on other people's sightings. I'm not qualified to analyse them, but sometimes offer support on where to find information on such things as ISS tracking or Starlink trains, so that they can avoid mistaking these things for UFOs.

I am more than a 'believer', I am an 'experienter', trying my own research on what these things are. But, I would not share my experiences here in any detail as there are too many time-wasters and detractors.

Your post seems to imply that there is some kind of coordinated campaign in these subs to discredit the topic and the 'believers'? At least that is how I understand what is behind your post. I agree with you.

In other subs, and on other sites like YouTube, we see armies of Russian trolls trying to spin the Russian narrative about Russia's war on Ukraine. What I see here is something VERY similar. The aggression. The attempts to distract. The mis-information. The rudeness. The jokes.

For the war on Ukraine the reason for the trolls is obvious - but for the UFO communities, why would there need to be such a campaign? Is it just to keep the topic 'down' and discredited? And who is behind it - Government agencies?

If not a coordinated campaign, could it be that some people are just naturally destructive and flock to topics that they can easily attack, or laugh at? Human crowd behaviour rather than orchestrated mis-direction?

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u/Wcufos avatar  
Wcufos

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3y ago  
Thank you for posting this. I agree completely. I have been on this subreddit for many years now and it's hard not to wonder about the motives of some of these people.

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Eternal-defecator

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3y ago  
I agree, though I will say it is fucking annoying when people post blatantly normal objects in the sky, and especially more annoying when the video gets 600 likes. I think some people want to believe so much they disregard common logic. This in turn worsens the reputation of UFO's in general. This has always been the case though, genuine, interesting speculation is shrouded under a thick layer of wacko nonsense.

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ImAWizardYo

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3y ago  
Being skeptical can be quite good. It is biased skepticism which causes the

issues. The question to ask oneself is this. Is one skeptical because they want to know the truth or because they want the truth to be their preferred understanding? Based on the hostile behavior and attempts to often influence the narrative it really feels a chunk of the skepticism here is completely focused around the ego. How much of the "social polarization" intended to stimulate our collective egos is artificial is not clear, but what is clear is that at least some of it is. It's ironic because it is this over-stimulation of the ego that we really need to collectively rid ourselves of or at least mitigate better. This mechanism is like a control engine ensuring it will continue to ensnare future generations through fear-based conditioning (sensitized amygdalas).

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phathead08

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3y ago  
I almost made it through half of your post.

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u/ItsAwhosaWhatsIt avatar  
ItsAwhosaWhatsIt

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3y ago  
I wish I was more active recently to give a better critique here but... yea what were you expecting from a 'group' of anonymous people on the internet hive minding about a general concept? Seriously, what did you expect to happen since 2017, while you saw the growth of this subject on reddit?

There are idiots who think they saw a UFO but didn't and people who did see one but can't prove it... where do we go from here? This, sub reddit and others like it, are a perfect place to have mind and hate on each other. There is no route 'forward' through anonymous internet chats....

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frankandbeans13

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3y ago  
Until the beings/uap show themselves out of their own will to the masses very publicly, all these posts, rants, vids, pics etc mean absolutely nothing. Sorry.

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u/lizardspock75 avatar  
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3y ago  
Bad juju be here... 🙄🙄🙄

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TheAwesomePenguin106

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3y ago  
I have commented before that I used to believe in UFOs and this sub have helped me to see the truth: there's nothing out of ordinary on the skies. Just take a moment to see how many people record obvious balloons, planes, birds and, in one recent occasion, the sun and claimed they have seen an "UFO". No wonder this "phenomenon" lives on with the amount of people who failed to identify basic stuff.

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DSGuitarMan

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3y ago  
I think a big part of the issue is many believers are so emotionally invested in the idea that something could be of ET origin, that any evidence to the contrary feels like a personal attack to them.

Extremes from both sides see each other as smooth brains; skeptics/debunkers for their lack of imagination and willingness to believe that everything is from other planets/ dimensions, and believers for their lack of any ability to apply critical thinking skills before jumping to "Its totally an alien/ spaceship/trans-dimensional being".

Full disclosure: much like my post, I'm in the middle. I want to believe (in fact I often tell people I believe there should be ETs), but I refuse to accept anything at face value and believe it needs to pass a through debunking attempt before it can be accepted as possibly being evidence, in light of a lack of a currently-viable explanation.

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EreminAce

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3y ago

I hate to be that one guy who disagrees, but, I feel they have pretty normal behaviour. Ever got into this argument IRL? I have.

It comes down to who is right in the greatest mystery to mankind. Of course it gets heated.

An experiencer will often tell their story until their mouths will dry if they have to, and a skeptic won't even consider looking at evidence, because even if they don't know as much stuff as we know, they know enough to come to the conclusion it's not even close to being conclusive, so, they either consider it a waste of time or an opportunity to virtue signal how down to earth and matter of fact they are.

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u/KunKhmerBoxer avatar  
KunKhmerBoxer

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Seriously? The skeptics are the people I see trying to keep the conversation on topic. While the hardcore believers are presenting their personal niche explanations of the phenomenon that fall apart under the tiniest bit of scrutiny or criticism. Then, get incredibly upset at anyone who points out the obvious flaws in their thinking.

At the end of the day, we don't have evidence that identifies what this is, where it comes from, what it can do, or anything of the sort. We should be trying to uncover the evidence here, and discarding what can be easily explained.

I once made a post on this sub just to see firsthand how bad it was. I live near an airport and took a purposefully blurry video of a plane approaching to land. The dead giveaway was the lights blinking in perfect unison with faa regs. I left it up for a couple days, and then said what it was. Here's the messed up part for me. The hardcore believer types tried to tell me that I didn't know what I had just taken video of. Nevermind I smeared the lense to make it blurry and watched the thing very clearly fly over head. They still wanted to argue with me that it was a ufo. That's when I lost a lot of faith in this sub as 90%+ of the comments swore my video was a ufo/uap. It didn't move in a way that would indicate non human technology, the lighting was an faa pattern (they said this was the ufo cloaking itself to look like a plane), and I clearly saw it along with the 100 other planes that fly over my area daily. That's when I realized you're all idiots, or the sub is compromised. Pick one.

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imnotabot303

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3y ago

This has nothing to do with being skeptical. This just sounds like people being hostile to others. I see it from lots of different people on here from all sides.

This is to be expected, it's sub with a lot of users and people interested in the subject giving their opinions.

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I'm guilty of #1 but honestly how many pointless grainy photos/videos can you dismiss a day? Throw it on the pile and move on.

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You make a lot of good points, and I appreciate the effort you put forth to share these ideas with the rest of us.

I always see comments about bots or government trolls or what have you, but never gave it much thought. But now that you have shared your thoughts, I can't help but think back to a few strange conversations I've had on here. Conversations in which I was having a hard time understanding the nature of the feedback I received.

One was a video I commented on. There were a bunch of comments claiming CGI. They used fancy terminology and technical terms that an outsider surely isn't capable of understanding, while at the same time providing almost no insight as to why the video was fake. I pointed out the precise and complex nature in which the sunlight reflected off of the shape of the craft as it moved. The sun's reflection looked precisely as one would expect it to look IRL, and perfectly complimented the direction of the shadows in the video. "Someone" replied, claiming that I was unintelligent and must be blind. When I ask them to explain why they think that, so that I may better understand some insight they have that I do not, I get no further comment.

It's happened a few times. No logical debate, just outright refusal and insult. When I do get a reply, it is either more refusal and insult or they will bring up a point that has nothing at all to do with the discussion at hand.

I always thought that these were people who like to argue, while I'm a person who likes to debate and try to understand other perspectives and angles. I figured they want drama, and I want truth, and we're just different is all. But now that I have read your post, I'm leaning more towards your conclusion.

I hope everyone becomes more sensitive and careful about the nature of their conversations. If the outcome doesn't match the nature of the post, it may have been purposefully de-railed.

Thanks for your input! ❤️

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Reality Check from last night....

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What narratives are being pushed?

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1.7K upvotes · 396 comments

Anyone heard of this?

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Anyone heard of this?

r/UF0s - Anyone heard of this?

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craigspade

Alien visitation caught on my security camera! the light can be seen twice and missing time! (@09s)

Sorry, this post has been removed by the moderators of r/HighStrangeness.

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Transformer exploded and the sound is just caused by what ever electronics got powered down. Red light seems to be an emergency light that kicks on during power outages

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u/chronicdemonic avatar  
chronicdemonic

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3y ago

I like how OP stated what the red light was and you're just gonna ignore that and be like "no that's the emergency light caused by a transformer"

In a second, I'm sure you'll be like well let's not just jump to conclusions and say it's aliens without evidence! 🤔

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1 more reply

15 more replies

user678990655

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3y ago

try reuploading the actual flash. just checked out the google drive. looks like this vid is lagging. yh tht is clearly something. the vid on your drive is crazy. this isnt doing it justice.

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craigspade

OP

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3y ago

I can't play the original file as It says i have a missing codec i had to upload it to youtube to hear it

<https://youtu.be/cnQ8mq40jsQ>

That's just the flash...

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craigspade

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<https://youtu.be/rUbb4CLcHK0>

Or

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/156Pz86P3LSJZR52lt3BBZZpZ52El2bQD/view?usp=drivesdk>

If you want the original mp4 copied directly from the memory card...

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wuR9v0KswEICESKbqjdC9yqHZ5Qkw1UT/view?usp=drivesdk>

This is the most interesting photo, it shows the light beam at 08 before time freezes vs the beam at 15s, the light on the leaves are identical, so we see it with both power on and off!

Lightening or electrical would be seen and heard but it's not..

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3y ago

G\_Wash1776

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3y ago

Bro that fucking sound is eerie as fuck

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craigspade

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3y ago

But as for anything else no, possibly I have allergies and pets I'm always getting some lump or bump !

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rewalker3

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3y ago

Transformer explosions sound like an actual bomb going off. The normal speed video with the sound is creepier than the slowed down version. That sounds like what happens to certain lamps (high pressure sodium or metal halide maybe) experience power issues, potentially a surge. Sounds like metal resonating or something.

As for the missing time on the camera, it seems like whatever happened with the power disrupted the camera's ability to receive power, even from a battery. The window may have been short enough to not completely take it down, maybe due whatever surge may have happened.

I don't know, it is weird and interesting, even if it's something mundane or extraordinary.

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rewalker3

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3y ago

Where are you located and what time zone is it?

I'm looking at SpaceWeatherLive to see if there's a potential solar event or something. Might be worth checking out the archives and the different reports for when it happened. I believe the times on this are all UTC.

March 6

March 7

As for the FB banning and copyright thing, I have no clue there. Facebook is an actual shithole and nothing makes sense there anymore. The copyright violation could be the result of a copyright takedown troll marking all kinds of sounds as protected. The FB AI either had a close or exact match to something there. FB is mostly automated now when it comes to moderation and handling bans. You likely will not get a real person to review anything. One of the big reasons I quit the platform.

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3y ago  
Ehh not a fan of that sound at all.

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AsbestosDude

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3y ago  
I believe it's just the sound of signal interference, can be caused by all kinds of things like parallel wires, sun spots, tectonics, or even some types of air gradients (Especially if it involves humidity)

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2 more replies  
Lazy-Blackberry-7008

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3y ago  
To me that is the "uh oh anal probe time" sound.

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1 more reply  
craigspade  
OP

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3y ago  
<https://forums.forteana.org/index.php?threads/flashes-of-light-outside-window.69909/page-3>

Take a look at this guy, he lives in the uk, me here in oz yet 4 out of the 5 questions I ask him, identical to me

If they're collecting dna, that would explain it

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2 more replies  
sammytiff80

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3y ago  
Similar lights shined just like that during the strangeness I experienced. Some eerie ass sound in this vid. for real

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4 more replies  
u/huskitaDash avatar  
huskitaDash

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3y ago  
If that sound is from alien interference, then they must be gang stalking me... lol, bc that's how my blink cameras always sound

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craigspade  
OP

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3y ago  
<https://youtu.be/SDq5ZTa9PoQ>

Listen to it at regular speed 15s

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u/rinsewarrior avatar  
rinsewarrior

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3y ago

I think you are going to have to explain this one

56

Esteban0032

•

3y ago

I keep watching it but just don't understand what is happening.

14

u/rinsewarrior avatar  
rinsewarrior

•

3y ago

Just a flashing light. But Op is saying this phenomenon has happened before. And they tried to make a post on Facebook talking about it and got banned. They are just saying something weird happened and are looking for an explanation

6

2 more replies

craigspade  
OP

•

3y ago

Taken from my webcam which has battery backup south Australia, something took out the power and caused a beam of light which can be seen over the houses at the front over 60 meters away I looked because I have only seen the power go out once in 20 years

The light focuses down the tree to my bedroom window and path lighting it up and as that light hits the camera we hear some kind of alien interference or signal  
3:57:15s

I slowed it down because it's really fast and there's two beams of light at 08s before the time stops on the 10th second it should be dark but it's not!

I woke up like feeling I lost 7 or 8 hours sleep, the red "car break light" is not a car but my power outage led lamp which is reflected at the bottom of the window in every frame of the video as it's always on...

Google "flash of light outside my window" or "camera flash outside of window" for more people who have experienced this phenomenon

27

u/rinsewarrior avatar  
rinsewarrior

•

3y ago

Damn. I believe you because this story doesn't sound insane. Did you happen to notice anything else strange?

8

29 more replies

11 more replies

1 more reply

u/MusicCityMariota avatar

MusicCityMariota

•

3y ago

How do you know this is an alien visitation? There's no proof of that in this video.

2

craigspade

OP

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3y ago

How tired i woke up and 9th second.. read my posts

-3

u/MusicCityMariota avatar

MusicCityMariota

•

3y ago

I woke up tired today too. Does that mean aliens visited me last night?

2

18 more replies

craigspade

OP

•

3y ago

And I was fast asleep yeah

2

Oceanwaves\_91

•

3y ago

Wow, this is creepy, especially the strange sound accompanying the flash of light.

2

craigspade

OP

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3y ago

New developments! The sound has been examined by an audio expert and he claims there's some kind of intelligence a repeating pattern of some kind, I think it could be a message or a data signal?

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(The mp3 audio file)

I knew it had like a two tone sound but it turns out there's multiple tones going as well..

What's the message? Haha we took you, bitch..

Far out...



1  
u/Venerated\_Warden\_287 avatar  
Venerated\_Warden\_287

•

3y ago  
Your camera should have gone down also. Why do you have a camera outside your house in this spot?

0

1 more reply  
Potential-Addition47

•

3y ago  
This week in another episode of "this footage definitely wasn't edited"

-3  
craigspade  
OP

•

3y ago  
It wasn't

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/156Pz86P3LSJZR52lt3BBZZpZ52El2bQD/view?usp=drivesdk>

Download it and look at the time stamps for yourself, this has been to mufon and others who have also seen it, I can assure you it's genuine

3  
u/onequestion1168 avatar  
onequestion1168

•

3y ago  
what is this fake nonsense

-1  
craigspade  
OP

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3y ago  
What makes you think it's fake what can I do to prove to you this is legit?

1

2 more replies  
emmajames56

•

3y ago  
Stop wasting our precious time.

1  
craigspade  
OP

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3y ago  
No you stop wasting mine I'm here to show people what goes on

1  
Unlucky-Boot-6567

•

3y ago

The flash of light appears to be something inside your house, perhaps a phone reflecting off the window.

1

craigspade

OP

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3y ago

No, <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f-2rx8WMtViVvR3VRfakNN8IU06HVbU1/view?usp=drivesdk>

1

7 more replies

u/BeverlyChillBilly96 avatar

BeverlyChillBilly96

•

3y ago

What makes this most interesting is you being banned for posting this on Facebook over copyright? Am I right?

1

craigspade

OP

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3y ago

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oe68nPDLTx28ZLHnB06az7XJzSdfvex/view?usp=drivesdk>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-qS56Rfv65--5oqh29qz1Jo7mqp9no9x/view?usp=drivesdk>

Instant ban now

1

6 more replies

u/ad\_pao avatar

ad\_pao

•

3y ago

Are you certain that there isn't a substation that experienced a failure, both causing a power outage and making a massive beam of light from the arcs? I've seen a substation fire in the distance and it looked absolutely insane and otherworldly, lit up that entire half of the sky with bright blue light. You should try to see if you can find any in the direction of the light just to make sure that isn't the case.

1

craigspade

OP

•

3y ago

Entire half sky..

They turned on the power when they rocked up to turn it all on

<https://youtu.be/mh1j9vI4Fdk>

Transformers can be seen and heard clearly and my closest one is two streets

away, simply impossible

1

2 more replies

craigspade

OP

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3y ago

[https://youtube.com/shorts/okioLGgSZ\\_0?feature=share](https://youtube.com/shorts/okioLGgSZ_0?feature=share)

Power lines underground and no transformer in sight

1

CHEIF\_potato

•

3y ago

It lost a second due to the camera going to backup battery after the power went out.

1

craigspade

OP

•

3y ago

Read the comments not possible

1

Minimum\_Escape

•

3y ago

(power goes out temporarily)

ALIENS!!!

1

craigspade

OP

•

3y ago

It's gone out once in 20 years...

The power to the block in front goes out before ours and that sound 2 flashes of light, show me how they did all that?

1

Brilliant-Performer1

•

3y ago

So, you say missing time then alter the time. Quite confusing. If you post the original it would give us a better opportunity to judge for ourselves.

1

craigspade

OP

•

3y ago

I have it's in the comments , go through them

<https://youtu.be/SDq5ZTa9PoQ>

1

1 more reply  
[deleted]

•

3y ago

Yup—that's definitely aliens. No question about it.

1

craigspade

OP

•

3y ago

The hardcore skeptics say it's just a flash lol makes you wonder where they live if they consider this normal lol

1

1 more reply

Grievance69

•

3y ago

Oh boy when the comment number is higher than the upvote count you know it's gonna be a shit show.

First off, I suggest you clarify in a comment on your own post after posting something as vague as this, give us a rundown...

Second off, I wouldn't claim so absolutely in your title that "aliens" are the culprit, you are setting yourself up for failure when you utilize these words. You should know better. Or one should know better I would say.

How do you know it is "aliens" and not some inter-dimensional being or god forbid a headlight of a car passing by? Posts like these genuinely diminish the credibility of the entire phenomenon and not because the OP posted their video, oh god no. You can post all the stuff you want, but you need to give context, and you need to explain yourself afterwards. We will never move past this with so many ignorant individuals spouting off absolutist statements, can you not take a step back and recognize the broader picture OP?

Have you heard of speculation? We are doomed, my goodness.

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craigspade

OP

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3y ago

Car driving by? When have you seen a car light up one side of the tree from the other side of the tree?

When have you heard car headlights make this sound we hear?

When has a car caused nearly 2 seconds of time to vanish?

What car has caused the power to go out .

Skeptics don't like to think too hard do they?

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3y ago

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Mysterious loud trumpet noise echoes across Cincinnati neighborhoods for weeks

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youtu

487 upvotes · 183 comments

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404 upvotes · 62 comments

Jacques Vallée claims the U.S. maintained communications with non-human intelligence in a secret program 20 years ago. According to Vallée, the U.S. government was able to establish "direct and structured communications" with a non-human intelligence through a "highly sophisticated process."

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Have you ever encountered human appearing individuals who you had a reasonable suspicion that they might be one of the "others", i.e. ETs, interdimensionals, time travelers, etc.?

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333 upvotes · 270 comments

I practice Remote Viewing as a meditation routine. I have named targets, read text, and predicted newspaper photos a full day into the future. Here are a few more verified blind hits.

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184 upvotes · 53 comments

Have you ever met someone that seemed human but wasn't?

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Have you ever met someone that seemed human but wasn't?

158 upvotes · 186 comments

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Questions about the Sun

140 upvotes · 64 comments

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124 upvotes · 46 comments

Does anybody else think there is a link between Plasmoids and religion/Spirituality?

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Do you think anyone on earth is immortal?

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earth

64 upvotes · 10 comments

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window

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SimonB

Fresh Blood

Joined Oct 4, 2022

Messages 16

Nov 6, 2022

#61

cjdelphi said:

Simon, my intent wasn't to scare you but to tell you what's going on, as you  
know, many people have experienced this, a certain species takes people this way

I'm sure we have a lot in common as I'm starting to suspect they are collecting  
dna of specific groups of people

Do you suffer anxiety? Social anxiety? Is your background in IT? If you say yes  
to all 3, I'll be a bit scared myself as i would know the type they are after...  
Well, it's 2 out of those 3.

Like Reactions:Victory and Frideswide  
Floyd  
Floyd  
Beloved of Ra  
JoinedApr 2, 2019  
Messages12,121  
Nov 7, 2022  
#62

cjdelphi said:

I'm sure we have a lot in common as I'm starting to suspect they are collecting dna of specific groups of people

Do you suffer anxiety? Social anxiety? Is your background in IT? If you say yes to all 3, I'll be a bit scared myself as i would know the type they are after... Just trying to recall if John E. Mack mentions anything about similarities in abductees traits/work/lifestyle etc in his books. I don't think he does, but it was many years ago that I read any of his stuff.

Like Reactions:PeteS and Victory

Sharon Hill

Sharon Hill

Complicated biological machine

JoinedDec 16, 2014

Messages2,733

LocationPennsylvania, USA

Nov 7, 2022

#63

This is interesting.

The other evening, about an hour after it got completely dark, I was looking out a window that had the shade mostly down and saw two flashes on the street about the brightness of the full moon. One lasted about 2 seconds. I couldn't see the sky and no cars came by to suggest it was headlights. My first thought was that it was a meteor/fireball passing over. I looked at the reports (there are websites) and nothing really matched. But it wasn't camera flash bright. Sometimes I think I see flashes at night when my eyes are closed. But that could just be a normal misperception.

Like Reactions:henry, Frideswide, brownmane and 1 other person

AgProv

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Doctor of Disorientation Studies, UnseenUniversity

JoinedApr 6, 2014

Messages1,806

Locationtoo North to be Midlands, too south to be North

Nov 7, 2022

#64

Sharon Hill said:

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Are you in Britain? Respectfully, I do have to say that random bright lights in the sky are exceptionally common at this time of year. Usually accompanied by noise - although I've noted if they're far enough away and if they're viewed through double glazing, the noise element could be very greatly diminished, especially if wind and rain are happening.

EDIT - sorry, I've just read "Pennsylvania USA". But over here - fireworks season - I've seen a few odd things over the last few nights. People have still

been setting off fireworks and have not been deterred by strong winds and rain, for instance. And they are that much more powerful, so ones being set off as part of the organised display in a public park three quarters of a mile away would still have the moon-bright light and two-or-three second duration you describe; at the same time, the wind and background noise of light-to-moderate rain could dampen the noise.

Last edited: Nov 7, 2022

Like Reactions:Victory

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022

Messages37

Nov 8, 2022

#65

EnolaGaia said:

There are multiple bright lights in the scene of the same relative color and brightness, as illustrated in the wider-angle shots.

[View attachment 60536](#)

The light visible through the fork in the tree (circled above) is in the distance relative to the other similar lights in the scene. Here's why that seems to be the case ...

The two frames you posted illustrate how it fades in brightness (and diminishes in the glare it causes in the camera optics) at the time of the power cut. If you step through the video frame-by-frame this fade-out is perceptible in the tree-fork-light before the other (closer) lights also start to fade.

[View attachment 60535](#)

If you continue to step through the sequence frame-by-frame you can see the tree-fork-light finally fade to its last visible point a couple of frames before the other / nearer lights wink out altogether.

As the tree-fork-light fades down to a final point source it becomes evident this light is located beyond the tree, ruling out the interpretation of this particular light as an orb (-ish thing ...) in mid-air between the tree and the camera.

What is the physical / ground location of the tree-fork-light? I can't convince myself it might be as close as the roofline of the building(s) on the other side of the parking lot. It seems to be farther away - somewhere on the other side of those buildings.

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I was just about done here, but I can't sit back and ignore someone who has put effort into this...

I believe we see the light go out in the middle because the light source is located is seen a block a way, and their block went out before our block did as if something came in low and close

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cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022

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Nov 8, 2022

#66

So at 08 the craft comes over (middle image) knocks out the power and starts the beam and it unfortunately we don't see it

But the 3rd image in the right, that's at 15s now the only thing with power is the camera and my light on battery backup

Notice how the light source appears in the same identical location, Sam's leaves same damn trajectory as we see on the 15th second only this time we see all of the beam, it stops outside bedroom window I know this because I did a bit of investigating myself..

Attachments

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cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022

Messages37

Nov 8, 2022

#67

Here is an hour later when they switch the power back on, there is a point in the video where they leave all the lights off in the driveway (no control over that only my home power)

And one point we see just the power to the home nothing more and we see an outside light lighting up the front path..

So I took a still image and compared the light we finally see hit the ground and the light top of my bedroom window

And guess what, the shadows match perfectly, the strongest light source was my bedroom window just like everyone else who see it..

Also... see how the light in the middle is on? That's because the block in front got their power back before we did!

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022

Messages37

Nov 8, 2022

#68

Slow motion ..

Sid

Sid

Justified & Ancient

JoinedNov 19, 2018

Messages4,860

Nov 8, 2022

#69

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websites) and nothing really matched. But it wasn't camera flash bright. Sometimes I think I see flashes at night when my eyes are closed. But that could just be a normal misperception.

One of those flashes partially woke me last night, just like yours - i.e., from eyes being shut. Believe it was very high lightning flashes without the thunder. Like Reactions:Frideswide

Sid

Sid

Justified & Ancient

Joined Nov 19, 2018

Messages 4,860

Nov 8, 2022

#70

cjdelphi said:

Slow motion ..

Click to expand...

I find the sources of light are quite interesting. . .

#A (initial light source)

Screenshot (A).png

#B (during the darker interval)

Screenshot (B).png

#C (when lights come back on - compare with #A and you should notice that the source of the angle of light has altered)

Screenshot (C).png

Like Reactions:Endlessly Amazed

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

Joined Nov 5, 2022

Messages 37

Nov 8, 2022

#71

Sid said:

I find the sources of light are quite interesting. . .

#A (initial light source)

View attachment 60589

#B (during the darker interval)

View attachment 60590

#C (when lights come back on - compare with #A and you should notice that the source of the angle of light has altered)

View attachment 60591

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All these images are light sources on the estate each source can be pin pointed, nothing special here...

But no matter which light source you see none match up with that beam of light we see

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

Joined Nov 5, 2022

Messages 37

Nov 8, 2022

#72

Where did the time go? Why is the 10th second not completely dark? By the start if the 8th second the power drops out, even a second later it's half dark so why not fully dark on the 10th?

The camera if power loss occurs will reset and calibrate itself for 20 seconds and it would stop recording

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Sid

Sid

Justified & Ancient

Joined Nov 19, 2018

Messages 4,860

Nov 9, 2022

#73

cjdelphi said:

Where did the time go? Why is the 10th second not completely dark? By the start if the 8th second the power drops out, even a second later it's half dark so why not fully dark on the 10th?

The camera if power loss occurs will reset and calibrate itself for 20 seconds and it would stop recording

Click to expand...

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\*Only saying and illustrating what I can see within your video!

Last edited: Nov 9, 2022

Like Reactions: brownmane

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

Joined Nov 5, 2022

Messages 37

Nov 9, 2022

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You must believe in a lot of co incidences to accept that

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

Joined Nov 5, 2022

Messages 37

Nov 9, 2022

#75

Screenshot\_20221109-230911\_Gallery.jpg

ChrisBoardman

Justified & Ancient

Joined May 17, 2011

Messages 1,756

Nov 9, 2022

#76

I would guess some weather phenomenon in the sky.

Like Reactions: Frideswide

bugmum

bugmum

Justified & Ancient

Joined Sep 10, 2003

Messages 1,640

Nov 9, 2022

#77

Sharon Hill said:

Sometimes I think I see flashes at night when my eyes are closed. But that could just be a normal misperception.

Or it could be an eye problem. I get lighthouse-like flashes sometimes when I close my eyes, and the In-House GP packed me off to my own GP on learning this as it can be a sign of a detaching retina. It wasn't on that occasion...

Like Reactions:brownmane and Frideswide

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022

Messages37

Nov 9, 2022

#78

ChrisBoardman said:

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Yeah a uap ..

Show me lightining or weather light striking the tree (twice in the same identical location) causing a power outage and that sound...

Stop guessing and investigate, no such thing as a random light in the sky that takes the power out

Last edited: Nov 10, 2022

Frideswide

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Forte Morgana :) PeteByrdie certificated Princess

JoinedJul 14, 2014

Messages19,673

LocationAn Eochair

Nov 10, 2022

#79

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If I guessed and came up with what you say happened, would that count as investigation? :)

LikeLove Reactions:Austin Popper, brownmane, Floyd and 3 others

Mythopoeika

Mythopoeika

I am a meat popsicle

JoinedSep 18, 2001

Messages53,999

LocationInside a starship, watching puny humans from afar

Nov 10, 2022

#80

bugmum said:

Or it could be an eye problem. I get lighthouse-like flashes sometimes when I close my eyes, and the In-House GP packed me off to my own GP on learning this as it can be a sign of a detaching retina. It wasn't on that occasion...

Maybe you have 'exploding head syndrome'? You may be relaxing with your eyes closed, just about to drift off, when out of the silence you hear a sudden noise (e.g. a sharp crack). This must fire off all your senses and makes you 'see' a sudden flash of light.

This happens to me.

Like Reactions:PeteS, brownmane, Victory and 1 other person

Sid

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Justified & Ancient  
Joined Nov 19, 2018  
Messages 4,860  
Nov 10, 2022

#81

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No, because it really was a few flashes of lightning high up in the atmosphere (sheet lightning flashes) that night.

Like Reactions: brownmane and Frideswide

Sid

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Justified & Ancient  
Joined Nov 19, 2018  
Messages 4,860  
Nov 10, 2022

#82

cjdelphi said:

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I'm not giving you a theory 'cjdelph,' as I've already stated I'm just laying out exactly what I see in your video - not what I imagine might be the cause of whatever it was that happened in your front garden. There could be lots of reasons for the black-out, and flashes of light that happened, it's anyone's guess what actually happened.

Following the sequence in your video it seems that the light in the tree branch is the first bright light, then power cuts out and another exceedingly bright light comes onto the scene at 0:51/1:00 whilst also noting that the whole of the sky (in the background above the house) also illuminates which is also added to by another source of light at 0:54/1:00, which appears to come from the right-hand side of the camera, and partly diminishes in its intensity.

Thats what I see and take note of.

The very fact that whatever had caused the illuminations of that area which seem very intense and extremely bright suggests to me it might well be some kind of unusual (and unknown, as yet) airborne source of light.

Last edited: Nov 10, 2022

Like Reactions: brownmane, Victory, Frideswide and 1 other person

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte  
Joined Nov 5, 2022  
Messages 37  
Nov 10, 2022

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Why don't you ask the OP to see if he agrees with you or me over this one....

Sid

Sid

Justified & Ancient

JoinedNov 19, 2018

Messages4,860

Nov 10, 2022

#84

cjdelphi said:

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Erm. . . sorry - you've lost me there 'cjdelphi,' as "OP" doesn't mean anything to me. Beyond which I would like to state that I only write what I AM thinking, so why would I seek to ask someone else to agree with my own thoughts?

Like Reactions:brownmane, Frideswide and Stilllil

EnolaGaia

EnolaGaia

I knew the job was dangerous when I took it ...

(ACCOUNT RETIRED)

JoinedJul 19, 2004

Messages29,621

LocationOut of Bounds

Nov 10, 2022

#85

Sid said:

Erm. . . sorry - you've lost me there 'cjdelphi,' as "OP" doesn't mean anything to me. ...

"OP" = "original poster" - the person who posted the first item in a thread or line of discussion (i.e., the person who initiated the thread or line of discussion). SimonB is the OP in this thread.

Like Reactions:brownmane, Victory and Sid

Sid

Sid

Justified & Ancient

JoinedNov 19, 2018

Messages4,860

Nov 10, 2022

#86

EnolaGaia said:

"OP" = "original poster" - the person who posted the first item in a thread or line of discussion (i.e., the person who initiated the thread or line of discussion). SimonB is the OP in this thread.

Thank you for explaining that 'EnolaGaia.'

Sid

Sid

Justified & Ancient

JoinedNov 19, 2018

Messages4,860

Nov 10, 2022

#87

cjdelphi said:

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I can't (and more-to-the-point, wouldn't) add any conclusion to either version as that would be stupid without anything to go on - as the same thing happened to me not long ago, for which I gave an account on this forum, I had no factual reason for that occurrence either - other than to suggest that it could have possibly been from car headlight beams, or some kind of airborne flash from some kind of atmospheric light.

Last edited: Nov 10, 2022

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022

Messages37

Nov 11, 2022

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'Some atmospheric light'

Is not what happens...

That is what happens, the light happens twice in the same location with and without power

Again, what you experienced is not what the OP or I experienced

Like Reactions:Victory

stu neville

stu neville

Commissioner.

Staff member

JoinedMar 9, 2002

Messages13,881

Nov 12, 2022

#89

stu neville said:

That's a bit of a leap, to be honest. Whilst not seeking to denigrate your own experience you can't automatically conclude that exactly the same has happened to another. By all means present it for consideration but please don't foist your hypothesis on others as conclusive.

cjdelphi said:

It's only a bit of a leap if you have no knowledge about what is going on out there

When a complete stranger asks 2 very unusual questions and it's a yes to both, along with a video evidence, a leap, no..

It happens, I can see you are afraid that's not my issue.

At risk of repeating myself, several people have suggested equally or more viable hypotheses based on their own observations to explain their own experiences. Whilst it's fine for you to dismiss these alternatives in relation to your own experience, you can't insist that they accept your explanation as superior in relation to theirs.

My suspicion is that once again there are multiple explanations that manifest similarly.

Like Reactions:brownmane, Endlessly Amazed, Ascalon and 4 others

Floyd

Floyd

Beloved of Ra

JoinedApr 2, 2019

Messages12,121

Nov 12, 2022

#90

@cjdelphi Just wondering;

Why would aliens decide to abduct you?

A linguist, or say a nurse or roofer I can understand- very useful people to them. But what information do you have that they would want?

There are 4,697 people on this forum alone, (asides from you and me) of whom I'm sure they would glean far more important 'information' from - (unless they want superior knowledge about Led Zeppelin or Mötley Crüe) - than you or I could ever give them.

I've got to ask; did you wake up with a sore arse perchance?

LikeLove Reactions:escargot, PeteS, Frideswide and 1 other person

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Flashes Of Light Outside Window

Thread starterSimonB Start dateOct 4, 2022 Tags2022 flash flashes ihtm light window

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SimonB

Fresh Blood

JoinedOct 4, 2022

Messages16

Oct 4, 2022

#1

About 3am, several flashes of light VERY similar to a strong camera flash or a Hollywood style lightning effect went off outside my window, lighting the whole room. I was awake at the time. I live in London, but my room backs on to quiet garden areas. I looked out of the window about a minute later. There was no storm and nobody around, it was very still, no noise and no movement. Yes, a neighbour could have taken a pic with a flash but I don't think a flash from far

away would cause the strength of this light. Also, there were no parties going on, nobody around. This is the third time it's happened over 12 years, the last was about 3 years ago and I remember immediately googling what had happened and seeing quite a few posts about it. There is a road about 35 metres away parallel to my flat, but it's a one way street and unlikely to be headlights from a car doing a 3 point turn. It's a total mystery. The light is exactly like a strong camera flash from outside the window. Any ideas?

Like Reactions:Schrodinger's Zebra, IbisNibs, Endlessly Amazed and 5 others

ChasFink

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Justified & Ancient

JoinedJan 22, 2016

Messages2,763

Oct 4, 2022

#2

SimonB said:

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Are there overhead power lines in the area?

Like Reactions:IbisNibs and Sollywos

EnolaGaia

EnolaGaia

I knew the job was dangerous when I took it ...

(ACCOUNT RETIRED)

JoinedJul 19, 2004

Messages29,621

LocationOut of Bounds

Oct 4, 2022

#3

Can you give an estimate of how many flashes you saw?

Were these flashes in rapid succession? Or ... ?

Did the flashes occur at a steady tempo? If so - how fast / slow?

Like Reactions:IbisNibs

SummerLightning

SummerLightning

Devoted Cultist

JoinedFeb 14, 2019

Messages127

LocationBath, UK

Oct 4, 2022

#4

How far are you from a railway/underground line? Arcing from third rail/overhead lines can be the source of flashes like these in parts of London.

Like Reactions:IbisNibs, Mythopoeika, brownmane and 4 others

PeteS

Seeking refuge

JoinedDec 5, 2016

Messages4,689

Oct 4, 2022

#5

Could it be a flashing light from an emergency vehicle on the street perhaps

reflected from a window. We regularly get this in our bedroom but we live on a busy road.

Like Reactions:Whin1, IbisNibs, brownmane and 2 others

maximus otter

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Recovering policeman

JoinedAug 9, 2001

Messages16,500

Oct 4, 2022

#6

No record of lightning in London on any weather resource I can find.

maximus otter

Like Reactions:IbisNibs, SimonB, brownmane and 1 other person

Dick Turpin

Justified & Ancient

JoinedMar 28, 2018

Messages1,161

Oct 4, 2022

#7

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I have posted before on this Forum, that we used get this quite often in our old London flat. Never during the night though, only during the day light hours and only in the living room.

My initial thought was that it was something to do with the light on top of the canary wharf building, but in saying that our living room overlooked the city of London, whilst the front of the property overlooked canary wharf so it couldn't have been that.

It was always corner of the eye as well. We never got to the bottom of it

Like Reactions:IbisNibs, brownmane, Sollywos and 3 others

SimonB

Fresh Blood

JoinedOct 4, 2022

Messages16

Oct 4, 2022

#8

SummerLightning said:

How far are you from a railway/underground line? Arcing from third rail/overhead lines can be the source of flashes like these in parts of London.

Not very close, I can hear a line in the distance sometimes but arcing would be a routine event that I would regularly see, this is a rare event. Happened 3 times in the past decade.

Like Reactions:IbisNibs, SummerLightning, brownmane and 1 other person

SimonB

Fresh Blood

JoinedOct 4, 2022

Messages16

Oct 4, 2022

#9

PeteS said:

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No, this is a white light, not blue.

Like Reactions:IbisNibs, brownmane and Sollywos

SimonB

Fresh Blood

JoinedOct 4, 2022

Messages16

Oct 4, 2022

#10

EnolaGaia said:

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Like Reactions:IbisNibs and Sollywos

SimonB

Fresh Blood

JoinedOct 4, 2022

Messages16

Oct 4, 2022

#11

ChasFink said:

Are there overhead power lines in the area?

No, no pylons and being London, most of that infrastructure isn't overhead in the towns as it is in many other areas of the world. But it's a good call, because it's similar to the flashes you might get from such infrastructure.

However, wherever I've been in the world with this infrastructure, the flashing is quite regular and accompanied by noise. This was totally silent.

Like Reactions:IbisNibs, brownmane and Sollywos

EnolaGaia

EnolaGaia

I knew the job was dangerous when I took it ...

(ACCOUNT RETIRED)

JoinedJul 19, 2004

Messages29,621

LocationOut of Bounds

Oct 4, 2022

#12

SimonB said:

It's exactly like a flash from a camera. Like one flash for half a second followed by several rapid flashes that are shorter. All are white and very powerful.

I've seen that sort of sequence occurring in the interplay of primary versus secondary warning / beacon lights on large aircraft, but I don't think that's what caused the ones you saw.

Like Reactions:IbisNibs, brownmane, Sollywos and 2 others

Bigphoot2

Bigphoot2

Not sprouts! I hate sprouts.

JoinedJul 30, 2005

Messages11,438

Oct 4, 2022

#13

Does the light shine in at a specific angle?

Could it aircraft activity - landing lights can be very bright and seen from a long way off. It could be the aircraft is turning to land or take-off and

momentarily light up the room and the angle of the plane and weather conditions combine to make it seen from your house. Might be worth checking  
flightradar24.com next time it happens to see if there is anything in the area.  
Like Reactions:IbisNibs and Sollywos

Spookdaddy

Spookdaddy

Cuckoo

JoinedMay 24, 2006

Messages8,435

LocationMidwich

Oct 4, 2022

#14

Mundane answer might be a faulty motion sensitive emergency light. This happened with my downstairs neighbour's security light a couple of weeks back. In the early hours I became aware of a sporadic and very bright, white, flash lighting up the garden - the reflection of which was powerful enough to noticeably light up my darkened bedroom, which is three floors away.

It was odd, because I've not been aware that the light has actually been operational for years, and the fact that it suddenly became so suggests to me that a dodgy bulb, connection, circuit etc - which usually prevents functioning - possibly stimulated by movement of the actual device and/or connections by wind or rain, was intermittently 'fixing' a broken system.

Or it's aliens.

Like Reactions:IbisNibs, brownmane, Sollywos and 2 others

SimonB

Fresh Blood

JoinedOct 4, 2022

Messages16

Oct 4, 2022

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Click to expand...

There are motion detector lights on one property, but they work fine. The house opposite tends to keep lights on all the time at night for security and the light it emits is a soft amber colour rather than the bright white I experienced.

Like Reactions:IbisNibs and brownmane

SimonB

Fresh Blood

JoinedOct 4, 2022

Messages16

Oct 4, 2022

#16

Bigphoot2 said:

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flightradar24.com next time it happens to see if there is anything in the area. No specific angle and I'm too far from Heathrow for it to be landing lights. In terms of angle, the best I can describe it would be if someone was directly outside my window with a powerful camera flash.

Like Reactions:brownmane

SimonB

Fresh Blood

JoinedOct 4, 2022

Messages16

Oct 4, 2022

#17

Google has been terrifying and reassuring at the same time. This is so similar to what I've experienced and at similar times. Please don't be triggered by my low battery!

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Last edited by a moderator: Oct 4, 2022

Like Reactions:IbisNibs, Paul\_Exeter, Sollywos and 1 other person

MorningAngel

MorningAngel

Justified & Ancient

JoinedMay 14, 2015

Messages3,883

Oct 4, 2022

#18

It's something I have seen people reporting at various time and places. Some people have even experienced it inside. Didn't we have someone reporting that on here?

Like Reactions:SimonB and Paul\_Exeter

Sid

Sid

Justified & Ancient

JoinedNov 19, 2018

Messages4,860

Oct 4, 2022

#19

MorningAngel said:

Some people have even experienced it inside.

I experienced this just a few nights ago! Going upstairs to bed, almost got to the top step and in an instant all I could 'see' (experience) was a strange electric blue flash of light all around me.

No Idea where it had come from or initially what might have caused it, but I concluded (cos that's what the brain does) that in all probability it must have come from a car's headlights, the colour of the flash of light was a dissipated electric blue light - not a beam as I would normally have noticed. It was in my back room, as well as in my front facing room at the same time, (just a fraction of a second).

Anyway, eventually, I'd just mentally marked it up as a stray light which had entered probably from a car turning around from the driveway of a couple of houses across the main road (some 100yds) from my house.

Like Reactions:Fanari\_Lloyd, IbisNibs, brownmane and 3 others

hunck

hunck

Beloved of Ra

JoinedJul 13, 2011

Messages10,579

LocationHobbs End

Oct 4, 2022

#20

MorningAngel said:

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Yes, I think I remember a similar thread a few years ago. Unless it's been pruned it's probably still around somewhere at the back of a cupboard. In my recollection the flashes remained a mystery.

Like Reactions:IbisNibs, Sollywos and MorningAngel

AgProv

AgProv

Doctor of Disorientation Studies, UnseenUniversity

JoinedApr 6, 2014

Messages1,806

Locationtoo North to be Midlands, too south to be North

Oct 4, 2022

#21

Do the Met police use drones to supplement helicopters? Police drone taking pictures, or using a searchlight to illuminate an area? That would explain the relative lack of noise.

Like Reactions:Who me, IbisNibs, brownmane and 1 other person

PeteS

Seeking refuge

JoinedDec 5, 2016

Messages4,689

Oct 4, 2022

#22

SimonB said:

No, this is a white light, not blue.

Not all emergency vehicles have blue flashing lights or red in fact. We see many vehicles passing our house with white flashing lights - highway maintenance, and similar.

Like Reactions:IbisNibs, Floyd, brownmane and 1 other person

EnolaGaia

EnolaGaia

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LocationOut of Bounds

Oct 4, 2022

#23

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hunck said:

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There are multiple threads here in the IHTM section relating to flashes of light:

[https://forums.forteanas.org/index.php?nodes=1&c\[nodes\]\[0\]=21&c\[title\\_only\]=1&o=date](https://forums.forteanas.org/index.php?nodes=1&c[nodes][0]=21&c[title_only]=1&o=date)

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... observed both outside and within a building / home.

In general, we don't usually merge or consolidate IHTM threads unless it's clear that they're referring to the same thing. The various flash / flashing IHTM threads exhibit considerable diversity in the type, manner, color, and other factors involved in the reported observations.

Like Reactions:IbisNibs, SimonBurchell, Dick Turpin and 3 others

Paul\_Exeter

Paul\_Exeter

Antediluvian  
Joined Jan 9, 2012  
Messages 7,909  
Oct 4, 2022  
#24

SimonB said:

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Have previously posted on here about this phenomenon

Myself and many others witnessed this in November 1984 in the village of Witheridge, Devon (600ft+ above sea level so clear views). It had snowed and was approx 7pm on a clear, dark evening. These rapid 'camera flashes' came from low in the sky (but above the horizon). Some of the Angel pub regulars ran out into the village square as they believed photography on an epic scale was taking place. No noise, just three bright flashes.

We later found out three lads from the village had seen it much closer than us, in the air above a field and building site. They said it temporarily blinded them and was quite near.

(written from memory, maybe some slight variance from earlier report but those flashes are etched on my memory)

Like Reactions: Fanari\_Lloyd, brownmane, IbisNibs and 3 others

Bud Bangle

Bud Bangle

Tutti but not Frutti.

Joined Oct 13, 2018

Messages 4,329

Location The Chilterns

Oct 4, 2022

#25

Do you live in the East Yorkshire ?

'UFO sighting' in Cottingham as woman records 'bizarre' lights outside her home  
<https://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/new...ufo-sighting-cottingham-woman-records-7630527>

Like Reactions: Paul\_Exeter and Sollywos

eburacum

eburacum

Papo-furado

Joined Aug 26, 2005

Messages 6,617

Oct 4, 2022

#26

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Like Love Reactions: Yithian, brownmane, Fanari\_Lloyd and 4 others

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Joined Aug 26, 2005

Messages 6,617

Oct 4, 2022

#27

I'd suspect electrical flashovers myself, which give a blue-white light. These flashes are quite common in other countries, especially where infrastructure is badly maintained or prone to damage by falling trees or earthquakes.

In this country (UK) the electricity supply system and overhead wires are quite well maintained, but there are still flashovers at times (sometimes due to vandalism/theft). Serves 'em right if they get burned.

Like Reactions: brownmane, Paul\_Exeter and Sollywos

Salmonellus

Salmonellus

Ephemeral Spectre

Joined Oct 23, 2020

Messages 361

Oct 4, 2022

#28

My first thought was along the lines of arcing from electric powered transport. Because the contact has to be loose to let the vehicle move, you can get some spectacular flashes of light. It's a common sight in Melbourne, and there are some Youtube videos showing it:

But the problems are - a) Does London have anything comparable? and b) If there was anything like that in your area you'd know about it already, and it wouldn't be a mystery.

Like Reactions: brownmane, IbisNibs, EnolaGaia and 1 other person

SimonB

Fresh Blood

Joined Oct 4, 2022

Messages 16

Oct 4, 2022

#29

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Click to expand...

Hi, yeh definitely not this, my nearest line is too far away and I'd know about it already, as you correctly say. Nice footage though!

Like Reactions: IbisNibs and Paul\_Exeter

SimonB

Fresh Blood

Joined Oct 4, 2022

Messages 16

Oct 4, 2022

#30

Interesting story, although I'm in north London not East Yorkshire. Looks like Hull is a hotbed of UFO activity, according to the links in the article!

Like Reactions: Paul\_Exeter

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Flashes Of Light Outside Window

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SimonB

Fresh Blood

JoinedOct 4, 2022

Messages16

Oct 4, 2022

#31

MorningAngel said:

It's something I have seen people reporting at various time and places. Some people have even experienced it inside. Didn't we have someone reporting that on here?

Yes, you are right someone mentioned that earlier in the thread

MorningAngel

MorningAngel

Justified & Ancient

JoinedMay 14, 2015

Messages3,883

Oct 5, 2022

#32

I did see an odd flash one night when I was coming home late from work. It was like lightning but there wasn't any that night. I got it on my dashcam (I checked because I thought I'd imagined it). But it was no where as bright as yours would have been.

Like Reactions:brownmane and Sollywos  
MorningAngel  
MorningAngel  
Justified & Ancient  
JoinedMay 14, 2015  
Messages3,883  
Oct 5, 2022

#33

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Sorry I know this doesn't help yours. Although I'm not that far away, I'm within the M25.

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Like Reactions:Yithian, Victory and Sollywos

eburacum

eburacum

Papo-furado

JoinedAug 26, 2005

Messages6,617

Oct 5, 2022

#34

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SimonB

Fresh Blood

JoinedOct 4, 2022

Messages16

Oct 5, 2022

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White not blue and the flashes are once every few years. That's not much testing by Network Rail, and no local curiosity about them on Twitter either.

Like Reactions:Victory  
eburacum  
eburacum  
Papo-furado  
JoinedAug 26, 2005  
Messages6,617  
Oct 5, 2022  
#36

MorningAngel said:

I went to have another nose at the video. There's a weird dividing line at one point. I'll put up the other pic so you can see there's no building or anything there. I suppose it could just be how my camera works.  
That's the answer; lightning only lasts a few milliseconds, but your camera takes longer than that to scan the whole image, so in some frames the sky is only half-illuminated.

We've discussed this phenomenon on this forum before.

[index.php](#)

Like Reactions:Schrodinger's Zebra, brownmane, Endlessly Amazed and 4 others

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Justified & Ancient

JoinedMay 14, 2015

Messages3,883

Oct 5, 2022

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[index.php](#)

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I did think it might be technical. Thanks.

Like Reactions:Endlessly Amazed, Victory and Sollywos

SimonBurchell

SimonBurchell

Justified & Ancient

JoinedSep 15, 2001

Messages4,641

LocationSomewhere in the labyrinth

Oct 5, 2022

#38

We have a third-rail railway line running about 150-200m behind our flat, and (depending on the weather) the flashes from that are quite blinding - they can light up the sky like lightning over a considerable distance. This is much more common in icy weather, but can happen pretty much any time.

Like Reactions:brownmane, Floyd, Victory and 1 other person

Paul\_Exeter

Paul\_Exeter

Antediluvian

JoinedJan 9, 2012

Messages7,909

Oct 5, 2022

#39

eburacum said:

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Have seen these lights near Exeter (GWR main line).

Witheridge (where I saw the flashes in 1984) is about 6 miles from the nearest railway, a single track branch line

Cannot rule out some sort of flashover from a power line pole (no pylons nearby) but we did look at the site as claimed by the other witnesses and there didn't seem a power line pole in the right place

Like Reactions:brownmane, SimonB, IbisNibs and 2 others

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

Joined Nov 5, 2022

Messages 37

Nov 5, 2022

#40

SimonB said:

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You want the good or the bad news?

The good news, you're not crazy, you saw it, the bad news, you were abducted, there would be 2 flashes, 1 to take 1 to put back

How do I know? It's happened to me, and I caught it on camera, I have had facebook deleted account over it, they tried to stop people hearing it, I've had access to my google drive blocked, dropbox blocked just errors or is missing

Someone is trying hard to stop me showing the video my security cam captured and then what I discovered, there is a species out there abducts like this and it seems common

Ignore the red light at the bottom it's my own it's just a reflection at the bottom of the blind light can get into

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JoinedJul 13, 2011  
Messages10,579  
LocationHobbs End  
Nov 5, 2022  
#41  
cjdelphi said:  
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Like Reactions:Paul\_Exeter, Victory and SimonB  
NomDeGuerre  
NomDeGuerre  
Devoted Cultist  
JoinedJul 29, 2020  
Messages177  
Nov 5, 2022

#42  
I live in the deep countryside and experienced something very similar one night; four flashes of white light at the (upstairs) bathroom window as I brushed my teeth.

I live under the flight path of a nearby airport so I wonder if it wasn't a particularly low flying plane; certainly disconcerting at 12am, though,  
Like Reactions:escargot, brownmane, Paul\_Exeter and 2 others

cjdelphi  
Junior Acolyte  
JoinedNov 5, 2022  
Messages37  
Nov 5, 2022

#43  
hunck said:  
The video you've posted is only 59 seconds long. Can you post the whole thing?  
That is the entire video, the webcam records in 60 second segment video files I copied several of them like the power coming on and this

I have uploaded the file to dropbox and google drive and wetransfer but a few days later they link stops working or errors out when you try to play it, Facebook claims copyright and then banned me from fb!

Someone or something doesn't want people to know that people are randomly being taken

If you private message me with your email address I can send you the raw 60 second video file copied directly from memory sd card to my phone



Or reach me at cjdelphi at gmail  
Like Reactions:Endlessly Amazed and Victory  
SimonB  
Fresh Blood  
JoinedOct 4, 2022  
Messages16  
Nov 5, 2022  
#44

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How many times have you experienced this and have you noticed aircraft emitting  
similar lights before?

Like Reactions:brownmane, Paul\_Exeter and Victory  
MorningAngel  
MorningAngel  
Justified & Ancient  
JoinedMay 14, 2015  
Messages3,883  
Nov 5, 2022  
#45  
So is this what the lights really are?

LoveLike Reactions:Frideswide and SimonB  
SimonB  
Fresh Blood  
JoinedOct 4, 2022  
Messages16  
Nov 5, 2022  
#46  
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Click to expand...  
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Like Reactions:Endlessly Amazed and Victory  
cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte  
JoinedNov 5, 2022  
Messages37  
Nov 6, 2022  
#47

SimonB said:

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Crappy camera, it was very bright, and there is 2 flashes at 08 and 15

Time freezes on the 9th second and we don't see all of the first beam

2 flashes in the same identical place! Seconds apart and you hear some alien  
sound

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Like Reactions:Endlessly Amazed and Victory

Victory

Victory

Justified & Ancient

JoinedJan 15, 2017

Messages2,253

LocationLondon

Nov 6, 2022

#48

@cjdelphi

Have you tried hypnotic regression to see if you can recall the abduction?

If it was an abduction...I have an open mind.

After this happened, were there any physical marks on your body?

Did you notice your personality change?

Like Reactions:Endlessly Amazed

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022

Messages37

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#49

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When they arrived they flipped the switch off it went no damage and the transformer is 2 streets away

I'll be honest I love technology and If I was taken like I suspect I'd be a kid in a candy store, I would have got over the initial shock

But, no memory nothing, but I have seen 2 UAPs prior getting one on video , I talk online about them as I openly discuss my thoughts on them..

But so do a lot of people!

To the OP... did you feel more tired than usual? Do you also discuss alien visitations or UFOs online?

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Like Reactions:Victory and Endlessly Amazed

SimonB

Fresh Blood

JoinedOct 4, 2022

Messages16

Nov 6, 2022

#50

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Like Reactions:Victory

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022

Messages37

Nov 6, 2022

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stu neville

stu neville

Commissioner.

Staff member

JoinedMar 9, 2002

Messages13,881

Nov 6, 2022

#52

cjdelphi said:

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That's a bit of a leap, to be honest. Whilst not seeking to denigrate your own experience you can't automatically conclude that exactly the same has happened to another. By all means present it for consideration but please don't foist your hypothesis on others as conclusive.

Like Reactions:brownmane, Victory, Frideswide and 4 others

Sid

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Justified & Ancient

JoinedNov 19, 2018

Messages4,860

Nov 6, 2022

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I totally. . . totally agree with that 'stu.'

Like Reactions:brownmane and Stillill

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022

Messages37

Nov 6, 2022

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stu neville said:

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It's only a bit of a leap if you have no knowledge about what is going on out there

When a complete stranger asks 2 very unusual questions and it's a yes to both, along with a video evidence, a leap, no..

It happens, I can see you are afraid that's not my issue.

Frideswide

Frideswide

Fortea Morgana :) PeteByrdie certificated Princess

JoinedJul 14, 2014

Messages19,673

LocationAn Eochair

Nov 6, 2022

#55

cjdelphi said:

I can see you are afraid that's not my issue.

\*clears values\*

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022

Messages37

Nov 6, 2022

#56

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Simon, my intent wasn't to scare you but to tell you what's going on, as you know, many people have experienced this, a certain species takes people this way

I'm sure we have a lot in common as I'm starting to suspect they are collecting dna of specific groups of people

Do you suffer anxiety? Social anxiety? Is your background in IT? If you say yes to all 3, I'll be a bit scared myself as i would know the type they are after...

Like Reactions:SimonB

stu neville

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Commissioner.

Staff member

JoinedMar 9, 2002

Messages13,881

Nov 6, 2022

#57

cjdelphi said:

It happens, I can see you are afraid that's not my issue.

Erm, no. Not afraid.

But if you carry on like that, it may well become an issue for you.

Like Reactions:brownmane, Frideswide, Endlessly Amazed and 3 others

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022

Messages37

Nov 6, 2022

#58

stu neville said:

Erm, no. Not afraid.

But if you carry on like that, it may well become an issue for you.

I don't care if you boot me ban me, we all know how pathetic that would be, I just know I'm right then ... I came on here to contact a victim, not prove myself

Do it, feel like a big tough guy because I'm the one who will be laughing everytime I think about you and you

I came here tell people the truth and if you can't accept that, remove me for being a weak pathetic human being

Ciao

stu neville

stu neville

Commissioner.

Staff member

JoinedMar 9, 2002

Messages13,881

Nov 6, 2022

#59

I was going to offer you a cup of tea.

LoveLike Reactions:pandacracker, Austin Popper, Ascalon and 3 others

EnolaGaia

EnolaGaia

I knew the job was dangerous when I took it ...

(ACCOUNT RETIRED)

JoinedJul 19, 2004

Messages29,621

LocationOut of Bounds

Nov 6, 2022

#60

cjdelphi said:

... The light travels through the tree to my bedroom window like the tree don't exist ...

There are multiple bright lights in the scene of the same relative color and brightness, as illustrated in the wider-angle shots.

PreCut-A.jpg

The light visible through the fork in the tree (circled above) is in the distance relative to the other similar lights in the scene. Here's why that seems to be the case ...

The two frames you posted illustrate how it fades in brightness (and diminishes in the glare it causes in the camera optics) at the time of the power cut. If you step through the video frame-by-frame this fade-out is perceptible in the tree-fork-light before the other (closer) lights also start to fade.

2022-08-26\_20.05.38-1&2-B.jpeg

If you continue to step through the sequence frame-by-frame you can see the tree-fork-light finally fade to its last visible point a couple of frames before the other / nearer lights wink out altogether.

As the tree-fork-light fades down to a final point source it becomes evident this light is located beyond the tree, ruling out the interpretation of this particular light as an orb (-ish thing ...) in mid-air between the tree and the camera.

What is the physical / ground location of the tree-fork-light? I can't convince myself it might be as close as the roofline of the building(s) on the other side of the parking lot. It seems to be farther away - somewhere on the other side of those buildings.

LikeLove Reactions:Schrodinger's Zebra, brownmane, Victory and 4 others

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Flashes Of Light Outside Window

Thread starterSimonB Start dateOct 4, 2022 Tags2022 flash flashes ihtm light window

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SimonB

Fresh Blood

JoinedOct 4, 2022

Messages16

Nov 6, 2022

#61

cjdelphi said:

Simon, my intent wasn't to scare you but to tell you what's going on, as you know, many people have experienced this, a certain species takes people this way

I'm sure we have a lot in common as I'm starting to suspect they are collecting dna of specific groups of people

Do you suffer anxiety? Social anxiety? Is your background in IT? If you say yes to all 3, I'll be a bit scared myself as i would know the type they are after... Well, it's 2 out of those 3.

Like Reactions:Victory and Frideswide

Floyd

Floyd

Beloved of Ra

JoinedApr 2, 2019

Messages12,121

Nov 7, 2022

#62

cjdelphi said:

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Do you suffer anxiety? Social anxiety? Is your background in IT? If you say yes to all 3, I'll be a bit scared myself as i would know the type they are after... Just trying to recall if John E. Mack mentions anything about similarities in abductees traits/work/lifestyle etc in his books. I don't think he does, but it was many years ago that I read any of his stuff.

Like Reactions:PeteS and Victory

Sharon Hill

Sharon Hill  
Complicated biological machine  
Joined Dec 16, 2014  
Messages 2,733  
Location Pennsylvania, USA  
Nov 7, 2022  
#63  
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Like Reactions: henry, Frideswide, brownmane and 1 other person

AgProv

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Doctor of Disorientation Studies, Unseen University

Joined Apr 6, 2014

Messages 1,806

Location too North to be Midlands, too south to be North

Nov 7, 2022

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Are you in Britain? Respectfully, I do have to say that random bright lights in the sky are exceptionally common at this time of year. Usually accompanied by noise - although I've noted if they're far enough away and if they're viewed through double glazing, the noise element could be very greatly diminished, especially if wind and rain are happening.

EDIT - sorry, I've just read "Pennsylvania USA". But over here - fireworks season - I've seen a few odd things over the last few nights. People have still been setting off fireworks and have not been deterred by strong winds and rain, for instance. And they are that much more powerful, so ones being set off as part of the organised display in a public park three quarters of a mile away would still have the moon-bright light and two-or-three second duration you describe; at the same time, the wind and background noise of light-to-moderate rain could dampen the noise.

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Like Reactions: Victory

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

Joined Nov 5, 2022

Messages 37

Nov 8, 2022

#65

EnolaGaia said:

There are multiple bright lights in the scene of the same relative color and brightness, as illustrated in the wider-angle shots.

View attachment 60536



The light visible through the fork in the tree (circled above) is in the distance relative to the other similar lights in the scene. Here's why that seems to be the case ...

The two frames you posted illustrate how it fades in brightness (and diminishes in the glare it causes in the camera optics) at the time of the power cut. If you step through the video frame-by-frame this fade-out is perceptible in the tree-fork-light before the other (closer) lights also start to fade.

View attachment 60535

If you continue to step through the sequence frame-by-frame you can see the tree-fork-light finally fade to its last visible point a couple of frames before the other / nearer lights wink out altogether.

As the tree-fork-light fades down to a final point source it becomes evident this light is located beyond the tree, ruling out the interpretation of this particular light as an orb (-ish thing ...) in mid-air between the tree and the camera.

What is the physical / ground location of the tree-fork-light? I can't convince myself it might be as close as the roofline of the building(s) on the other side of the parking lot. It seems to be farther away - somewhere on the other side of those buildings.

Click to expand...

I was just about done here, but I can't sit back and ignore someone who has put effort into this...

I believe we see the light go out in the middle because the light source is located is seen a block a way, and their block went out before our block did as if something came in low and close

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cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

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Messages 37

Nov 8, 2022

#66

So at 08 the craft comes over (middle image) knocks out the power and starts the beam and it unfortunately we don't see it

But the 3rd image in the right, that's at 15s now the only thing with power is the camera and my light on battery backup

Notice how the light source appears in the same identical location, Sam's leaves same damn trajectory as we see on the 15th second only this time we see all of the beam, it stops outside bedroom window I know this because I did a bit of investigating myself..

Attachments

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cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

Joined Nov 5, 2022  
Messages 37  
Nov 8, 2022  
#67

Here is an hour later when they switch the power back on, there is a point in the video where they leave all the lights off in the driveway (no control over that only my home power)

And one point we see just the power to the home nothing more and we see an outside light lighting up the front path..

So I took a still image and compared the light we finally see hit the ground and the light top of my bedroom window

And guess what, the shadows match perfectly, the strongest light source was my bedroom window just like everyone else who see it..

Also... see how the light in the middle is on? That's because the block in front got their power back before we did!

cjdelphi  
Junior Acolyte  
Joined Nov 5, 2022  
Messages 37  
Nov 8, 2022  
#68

Slow motion ..  
Sid  
Sid  
Justified & Ancient  
Joined Nov 19, 2018  
Messages 4,860  
Nov 8, 2022  
#69  
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One of those flashes partially woke me last night, just like yours - i.e., from eyes being shut. Believe it was very high lightning flashes without the thunder. Like Reactions: Frideswide

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Justified & Ancient  
Joined Nov 19, 2018  
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#70  
cjdelphi said:

Slow motion ..  
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I find the sources of light are quite interesting. . .

#A (initial light source)  
Screenshot (A).png  
#B (during the darker interval)  
Screenshot (B).png  
#C (when lights come back on - compare with #A and you should notice that the source of the angle of light has altered)  
Screenshot (C).png

Like Reactions:Endlessly Amazed

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022

Messages37

Nov 8, 2022

#71

Sid said:

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#A (initial light source)

View attachment 60589

#B (during the darker interval)

View attachment 60590

#C (when lights come back on - compare with #A and you should notice that the source of the angle of light has altered)

View attachment 60591

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All these images are light sources on the estate each source can be pin pointed, nothing special here...

But no matter which light source you see none match up with that beam of light we see

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

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#72

Where did the time go? Why is the 10th second not completely dark? By the start if the 8th second the power drops out, even a second later it's half dark so why not fully dark on the 10th?

The camera if power loss occurs will reset and calibrate itself for 20 seconds and it would stop recording

Attachments

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Sid

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Nov 9, 2022

#73

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\*Only saying and illustrating what I can see within your video!

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Like Reactions:brownmane

cjdelphi

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cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022

Messages37

Nov 9, 2022

#75

Screenshot\_20221109-230911\_Gallery.jpg

ChrisBoardman

Justified & Ancient

JoinedMay 17, 2011

Messages1,756

Nov 9, 2022

#76

I would guess some weather phenomenon in the sky.

Like Reactions:Frideswide

bugmum

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Justified & Ancient

JoinedSep 10, 2003

Messages1,640

Nov 9, 2022

#77

Sharon Hill said:

Sometimes I think I see flashes at night when my eyes are closed. But that could just be a normal misperception.

Or it could be an eye problem. I get lighthouse-like flashes sometimes when I close my eyes, and the In-House GP packed me off to my own GP on learning this as it can be a sign of a detaching retina. It wasn't on that occasion...

Like Reactions:brownmane and Frideswide

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022

Messages37

Nov 9, 2022

#78

ChrisBoardman said:

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Show me lightining or weather light striking the tree (twice in the same identical location) causing a power outage and that sound...

Stop guessing and investigate, no such thing as a random light in the sky that takes the power out

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Frideswide

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Fortea Morgana :) PeteByrdie certificated Princess

JoinedJul 14, 2014

Messages19,673

LocationAn Eochair

Nov 10, 2022

#79

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If I guessed and came up with what you say happened, would that count as investigation? :)

LikeLove Reactions:Austin Popper, brownmane, Floyd and 3 others

Mythopoeika

Mythopoeika

I am a meat popsicle

JoinedSep 18, 2001

Messages53,999

LocationInside a starship, watching puny humans from afar

Nov 10, 2022

#80

bugmum said:

Or it could be an eye problem. I get lighthouse-like flashes sometimes when I close my eyes, and the In-House GP packed me off to my own GP on learning this as it can be a sign of a detaching retina. It wasn't on that occasion...

Maybe you have 'exploding head syndrome'? You may be relaxing with your eyes closed, just about to drift off, when out of the silence you hear a sudden noise (e.g. a sharp crack). This must fire off all your senses and makes you 'see' a sudden flash of light.

This happens to me.

Like Reactions:PeteS, brownmane, Victory and 1 other person

Sid

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Justified & Ancient

JoinedNov 19, 2018

Messages4,860

Nov 10, 2022

#81

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No, because it really was a few flashes of lightning high up in the atmosphere (sheet lightning flashes) that night.

Like Reactions:brownmane and Frideswide

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#82

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Following the sequence in your video it seems that the light in the tree branch is the first bright light, then power cuts out and another exceedingly bright light comes onto the scene at 0:51/1:00 whilst also noting that the whole of the sky (in the background above the house) also illuminates which is also added to by another source of light at 0:54/1:00, which appears to come from the right-hand side of the camera, and partly diminishes in its intensity.

Thats what I see and take note of.

The very fact that whatever had caused the illuminations of that area which seem very intense and extremely bright suggests to me it might well be some kind of unusual (and unknown, as yet) airborne source of light.

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Like Reactions:brownmane, Victory, Frideswide and 1 other person

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Nov 10, 2022

#84

cjdelphi said:

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Erm. . . sorry - you've lost me there 'cjdelphi,' as "OP" doesn't mean anything to me. Beyond which I would like to state that I only write what I AM thinking, so why would I seek to ask someone else to agree with my own thoughts?

Like Reactions:brownmane, Frideswide and Stillill

EnolaGaia

EnolaGaia

I knew the job was dangerous when I took it ...

(ACCOUNT RETIRED)

JoinedJul 19, 2004  
Messages29,621  
LocationOut of Bounds  
Nov 10, 2022  
#85

Sid said:

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"OP" = "original poster" - the person who posted the first item in a thread or line of discussion (i.e., the person who initiated the thread or line of discussion). SimonB is the OP in this thread.

Like Reactions:brownmane, Victory and Sid

Sid

Sid

Justified & Ancient

JoinedNov 19, 2018

Messages4,860

Nov 10, 2022

#86

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Thank you for explaining that 'EnolaGaia.'

Sid

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Nov 10, 2022

#87

cjdelphi said:

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'Some atmospheric light'

Is not what happens...

That is what happens, the light happens twice in the same location with and without power

Again, what you experienced is not what the OP or I experienced

Like Reactions:Victory

stu neville

stu neville

Commissioner.

Staff member

JoinedMar 9, 2002

Messages13,881

Nov 12, 2022

#89

stu neville said:

That's a bit of a leap, to be honest. Whilst not seeking to denigrate your own experience you can't automatically conclude that exactly the same has happened to another. By all means present it for consideration but please don't foist your hypothesis on others as conclusive.

cjdelphi said:

It's only a bit of a leap if you have no knowledge about what is going on out there

When a complete stranger asks 2 very unusual questions and it's a yes to both, along with a video evidence, a leap, no..

It happens, I can see you are afraid that's not my issue.

At risk of repeating myself, several people have suggested equally or more viable hypotheses based on their own observations to explain their own experiences. Whilst it's fine for you to dismiss these alternatives in relation to your own experience, you can't insist that they accept your explanation as superior in relation to theirs.

My suspicion is that once again there are multiple explanations that manifest similarly.

Like Reactions:brownmane, Endlessly Amazed, Ascalon and 4 others

Floyd

Floyd

Beloved of Ra

JoinedApr 2, 2019

Messages12,121

Nov 12, 2022

#90

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Why would aliens decide to abduct you?

A linguist, or say a nurse or roofer I can understand- very useful people to them. But what information do you have that they would want?

There are 4,697 people on this forum alone, (asides from you and me) of whom I'm sure they would glean far more important 'information' from - (unless they want superior knowledge about Led Zeppelin or Mötley Crüe) - than you or I could ever give them.

I've got to ask; did you wake up with a sore arse perchance?

LikeLove Reactions:escargot, PeteS, Frideswide and 1 other person

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I think someone homophobic started the anal joke, I think it came straight out of the scepticism for dummies book and straight men with questionable sexuality have repeated it ever since

Why me? I have a few good reasons, but I'm not going to list them, instead I'm going to say why not me?

A person who has cancer will ask the same, why them? .. it has to happen to someone

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022

Messages37

Nov 13, 2022

#92

Again... ask the OP I know he woke up tired I know the light he experienced and I know his main personality traits, same as me except I don't put up with bs

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Commissioner.

Staff member

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And, again, there are multiple possibilities. Are you are automatically dismissing every, equally valid alternative as 'bs' then?

Like Reactions:MorningAngel, PeteS, Frideswide and 1 other person

cjdelphi

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Why is your opinion or anyone elses opinion a better than mine? I've investigated it for 7 months and I use my electronic background to rule out electronic and electrical

And they're not valid alternatives, unless what claimed can take the power out, make that sound and cause missing time

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refusing to accept other possibilities exist isn't what we do here.

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Like Reactions:Frideswide, Endlessly Amazed and Stillill

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At the risk of repeating myself, nothing has been offered up that can cause missing time, power outages and what we see on the security camera

Do you think it's just a huge co incidence that out of the 5 questions I ask, he says yes to 4 of them?

Or does nothing matter except for a mundane explanation here?

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#97

I think you're missing my point.

Like Reactions:Frideswide

Floyd

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cjdelphi said:

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LikeLove Reactions:PeteS, Frideswide and Stillill

cjdelphi

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#99

Floyd1 said:

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People are randomly being taken or should I say specific types of people? Either way it's a worry nobody wants to take seriously

Do a search for camera flash or flash of light outside bedroom window

Many people it's happening to

Like Reactions:Victory

Floyd

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Messages12,121

Nov 13, 2022

#100

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Click to expand...

I wouldn't normally make arse probing jokes over this subject, (I have read and enjoyed John E. Mack's work for eg) but with you I take exception due to the way you have spoken to people on here who have shown an interest in your story and who have bothered to use their valuable time to give you their theories as to what might have happened in your case.

In my opinion, there was just a power cut. As for your sore arse, that's anyone's guess. I reckon a cucumber was probably involved.

Like Reactions:brownmane, PeteS and Stillill

Frideswide

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Fortea Morgana :) PeteByrdie certificated Princess

JoinedJul 14, 2014

Messages19,673

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There's a long tradition of gallows humour, here and elsewhere.

There are a lot of ways of measuring intelligence but I'm pretty damn sure that the one you offer here doesn't hold water.

Does cracking the joke make one more or less likely to be involved? If anything is happening, what mechanism links the joke to the event? If the answer is nothing, then why not make the joke? If you are suggesting a link then I'd enjoy seeing your examples and seeing how the numbers stack up.

Like Reactions:brownmane and PeteS

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022

Messages37

Nov 14, 2022

#102

Rhere

Floyd1 said:

I wouldn't normally make arse probing jokes over this subject, (I have read and enjoyed John E. Mack's work for eg) but with you I take exception due to the way you have spoken to people on here who have shown an interest in your story and who have bothered to use their valuable time to give you their theories as to what might have happened in your case.

In my opinion, there was just a power cut. As for your sore arse, that's anyone's guess. I reckon a cucumber was probably involved

Again, there was no anal probes, go get your sexually checked you seem obsessed with anal, maybe you wish you were taken for some anal action!

I lower myself to the same level as you any anyone else trying to ridicule me

The poor guy who came here for help wanted answers, until this video it was dry heat, lightning balls

If nobody wanted the truth, keep on scrolling, and keep up your anal jokes like child

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

Joined Nov 5, 2022

Messages 37

Nov 14, 2022

#103

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I gave you the evidence and the video of what actually goes on... even said he would be tired!

I'm not dealing with the ignorant any longer

Anyone more intelligent than a cucumber and wants to discuss this please do, until then anyone who wishes to discredit me knows where to stick the cucumber

Victory

Victory

Justified & Ancient

Joined Jan 15, 2017

Messages 2,253

Location London

Nov 14, 2022

#104

@cjdelphi

After this event, did you notice anything physically different in addition to being very tired?

After this event, have you had nightmares about being abducted?

Has your personality changed?

Have you had a noticeable change in cognitive abilities?

Have you had a noticeable change in creativity?

Have you found any alien items in your house, whether made of known or unknown combinations of materials?

Like Reactions:brownmane and Frideswide

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022

Messages37

Nov 15, 2022

#105

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Click to expand...

No nothing except being extremely tired, I have pets and allergies so any new scratches or marks I wouldn't blink twice

No personality changes and nothing different in the home or out the home, it's as boring as you can get

And the OP I'm sure will agree with me, that is how similar this event is

I believe we were awake for several hours for me at least 7 to 8 hours memory wiped and returned and nothing else, i can imagine I would be very very curious and would get over the initial shock I would eventually get over the fear and I would ask a million questions that's what it felt like i had spent all night long awake doing something i don't know

Am I a victim I don't believe so, I would be more than willing to go onboard

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/12Wv6bA0iSrX1BPq\\_ArRIHliZX51MZmQY/view?usp=drivesdk](https://drive.google.com/file/d/12Wv6bA0iSrX1BPq_ArRIHliZX51MZmQY/view?usp=drivesdk)

I found an audio expert who was interested in the audio part and he extracted the sound and slowed it down he said actually I'll just attach the screenshots

I'm sure it could be slowed down further .. I hear communication of some kind originally I thought it was just 2 tones but there's multiple frequencies going on in those tones implying intelligence

Attachments

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Victory

Victory

Justified & Ancient

Joined Jan 15, 2017

Messages 2,253

Location London

Nov 15, 2022

#106

Thanks for answering some of my questions.

The audio sounds like the intro to a Grime tune!

I cannot draw much conclusion from it other than is a tune using minor notes, not a happy tune,

Like Reactions: Frideswide

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

Joined Nov 5, 2022

Messages 37

Nov 16, 2022

#107

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All data is a stream in a tone, remember dial up modem? Different frequencies to represent data, I figured it was 2 clean tones like a bar code one at say 8khz and one at 15khz or whatever but no the tones contain complex frequencies or tones, I never expected that!

Last edited: Nov 16, 2022

Like Reactions: Mrs Melmoth

PeteS

Seeking refuge

Joined Dec 5, 2016

Messages 4,689

Nov 16, 2022

#108

stu neville said:

But that's an entirely false syllogism. Yes, people with severe illnesses ask 'why me?', but severe illnesses are an established side effect of human biology and as a result does have to happen. There's no concrete proof of alien abduction so by extension no compulsion for it to happen to anyone.

And, again, there are multiple possibilities. Are you automatically dismissing every, equally valid alternative as 'bs' then?

Our friend's pattern of posting is exactly the same on other forums he has been on. Insults people who don't agree with him and then rambles on, obliterating the OP's experience.

Like Reactions: brownmane, MorningAngel, Frideswide and 2 others

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

Joined Nov 5, 2022

Messages 37

Nov 16, 2022

#109

PeteS said:

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the OP's experience.

Oh dear, someone else who thinks my behaviour to people who are rude to me first so I'm rude back changes what happened

grow up, don't start arguments with people who know better than you because they spent 7 months investigating something you spent 7 seconds and then cry when told you are wrong.

Go cry to mommy I don't have time for that bs

Stilllll

Stilllll

Justified & Ancient

JoinedFeb 8, 2014

Messages1,005

LocationLondon

Nov 16, 2022

#110

cjdelphi said:

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grow up, don't start arguments with people who know better than you because they spent 7 months investigating something you spent 7 seconds and then cry when told you are wrong.

Go cry to mommy I don't have time for that bs

You're being rude again.

LikeLove Reactions:brownmane, Frideswide and Floyd

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022

Messages37

Nov 16, 2022

#111

What do you expect when someone who gets told their opinion is wrong based on evidence then cries I'm rude

Waste of my time

stu neville

stu neville

Commissioner.

Staff member

JoinedMar 9, 2002

Messages13,881

Nov 16, 2022

#112

cjdelphi said:

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grow up, don't start arguments with people who know better than you because they spent 7 months investigating something you spent 7 seconds and then cry when told you are wrong.

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I have already deleted some posts from this increasingly ill-tempered exchange.

I will ask that the petulance and/or childishness on all sides stops now. Any more in this manner will be deleted and warnings issued.

Like Reactions:Frideswide, SimonBurchell and Dick Turpin

cjdelphi

Junior Acolyte

JoinedNov 5, 2022



Messages37  
Nov 16, 2022  
#113

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Obliterating the ops experience

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As long as he gets a mundane answer you sleep safe and sound at night, it doesn't work like that, that's why I signed up to talk to him directly, not you  
stu neville  
stu neville  
Commissioner.  
Staff member  
JoinedMar 9, 2002  
Messages13,881  
Nov 16, 2022

#114  
And once again.  
stu neville said:  
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LoveLike Reactions:Frideswide and PeteS

Frideswide  
Frideswide  
Fortea Morgana :) PeteByrdie certificated Princess  
JoinedJul 14, 2014  
Messages19,673  
LocationAn Eochair  
Nov 17, 2022

#115  
Why is the preferred non-mundane idea aliens? why do some groups always think it's aliens?

Why not the Wild Hunt?

of course, may come down to the same thing  
LikeLove Reactions:Tunn11, Lb8535, Endlessly Amazed and 2 others

Frideswide  
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Fortea Morgana :) PeteByrdie certificated Princess  
JoinedJul 14, 2014  
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LocationAn Eochair  
Nov 17, 2022

#116  
cjdelphi said:  
I found an audio expert who was interested in the audio part and he extracted the sound and slowed it down he said actually I'll just attach the screenshots

Can we have a name and qualifications list? :curt:  
Like Reactions:brownmane, Endlessly Amazed and Stillill

cjdelphi  
Junior Acolyte  
JoinedNov 5, 2022  
Messages37  
Nov 17, 2022  
#117  
Frideswide said:

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Frideswide  
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Fortea Morgana :) PeteByrdie certificated Princess  
JoinedJul 14, 2014  
Messages19,673  
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Nov 17, 2022  
#118  
cjdelphi said:  
Because nothing mundane can cause time to skip, the power outage and that search beam or that sound, duh

I'm guessing you don't know what the Wild Hunt is?

If you do, you are using mundane in a way which is opposite to its usual meaning.

Also, the quotation above doesn't make sense to me as an answer to my second post: 1668719454721.png  
Like Reactions:brownmane and Endlessly Amazed  
stu neville  
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Commissioner.  
Staff member  
JoinedMar 9, 2002  
Messages13,881  
Nov 17, 2022  
#119  
cjdelphi said:  
Because nothing mundane can cause time to skip, the power outage and that search beam or that sound, duh  
That one, last word, earns you a warning.  
Like Reactions:MorningAngel and Stillill  
cjdelphi  
Junior Acolyte  
JoinedNov 5, 2022  
Messages37  
Nov 18, 2022  
#120  
Frideswide said:  
I'm guessing you don't know what the Wild Hunt is?

If you do, you are using mundane in a way which is opposite to its usual meaning.

Also, the quotation above doesn't make sense to me as an answer to my second post: View attachment 60855  
I gave you the evidence everything you need

So ban me then because I'm not wrong and you are not going to sway my opinion after 7 months of investigating this

I've done what I needed to do, tell the OP what the flashes are, it's alien abduction he woke up tired because he was awake and has memory erased

The video shows 2 flashes... 1 takes the 2nd puts you back as seen on the video the power goes out because their engines cause frequency issues and the relay shut them down

Just ban me, prove me right, time will prove me right as more come forward, and then you can give them more mundane explanations as that's what the general

population does

Ignorance and fear, ban me if this scars you

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Flashes Of Light Outside Window

Thread starterSimonB Start dateOct 4, 2022 Tags2022 flash flashes ihtml light window

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stu neville

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Commissioner.

Staff member

JoinedMar 9, 2002

Messages13,881

Nov 18, 2022

#121

cjdelphi said:

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Banning you will not prove you 'right'. All banning will prove is that you are seemingly incapable of interacting with anyone who holds a differing opinion

without being either patronisingly dismissive or hyper-defensive.

I assure you, these displays of petulance towards people who are genuinely attempting to engage are gaining you absolutely no support for your theory, indeed if anything they're actively putting people off. If we do ban you, it will be nothing to do with your so-called 'truth', but everything to do with your apparent narcissism.

Whatever, we don't martyr people. We usually ban them for being arseholes.

LikeLove Reactions:escargot, Robin, Paul\_Exeter and 10 others

SimonBurchell

SimonBurchell

Justified & Ancient

JoinedSep 15, 2001

Messages4,641

LocationSomewhere in the labyrinth

Nov 18, 2022

#122

Coming to a fortean website to validate your preexisting beliefs is a bad idea; this is a place for exploring possibilities (and impossibilities!)

LikeLove Reactions:escargot, Robin, Frideswide and 9 others

hunck

hunck

Beloved of Ra

JoinedJul 13, 2011

Messages10,579

LocationHobbs End

Nov 18, 2022

#123

cjdelphi said:

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Obliterating the ops experience

How so? By telling him the truth? The fact he never went away after being told it's heat lightening?

As long as he gets a mundane answer you sleep safe and sound at night, it doesn't work like that, that's why I signed up to talk to him directly, not you. You've transposed your event(s) & belief(s) on to the original poster. He doesn't mention missing time, memory wiping, power outages, strange sounds or feeling tired in any of his posts.

His post was about mystery flashes - 3 of which over a 10 year period. Nobody has obliterated his experience.

Last edited: Nov 18, 2022

LikeLove Reactions:Paul\_Exeter, Spudrick68, PeteS and 3 others

Frideswide

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Fortea Morgana :) PeteByrdie certificated Princess

JoinedJul 14, 2014

Messages19,673

LocationAn Eochair

Nov 18, 2022

#124

@cjdelphi I don't understand why you won't answer my questions? I'm trying to engage with you!

Why is it aliens and not the Wild Hunt? And why do you see the Wild Hunt as mundane? At the time when it was thought to be a plausible explanation for light phenomena, weird noises, abductions, issues with time and the rest, it wasn't mundane. It was a terrifying supramundane event.

At this chronological distance it's even further out of the mundane!

Most people (especially here) will see aliens as possible, albeit with degrees of certainty ranging from "100% no other explanation can be discussed" (you) to "mathematically possible but, seriously, I have a bridge to sell you" (me). Which is as it should be in this place.

What gets people banned from here isn't the nature of their views, it's the way they discuss things. I'm concerned that we will lose you because of the way you interact. That would be a shame I think. Recently there was a terrific member who was in the 100% Aliens group. He was interesting, many of us stayed friends and in touch with him when he decided to concentrate his online time elsewhere. No way was he banned! I'm not alone in hoping he'll come back if his schedule shifts about again - feinnman you are missed! am I right @Swiftly ?

So if you are eventually banned, please don't think it will be a believable badge of honour to boast about in other places around the net. This place and its culture are known. It'd be great, honestly, if you can stay. :oldm:  
Like Reactions:brownmane, Paul\_Exeter, bugmum and 4 others

Frideswide

Frideswide

Fortea Morgana :) PeteByrdie certificated Princess

JoinedJul 14, 2014

Messages19,673

LocationAn Eochair

Nov 18, 2022

#125

Thought it might be helpful if we could agree on a definition of mundane so from Oxford Languages at  
<https://languages.oup.com/google-dictionary-en/>

1) lacking interest or excitement; dull. "his mundane, humdrum existence"

2) of this earthly world rather than a heavenly or spiritual one "according to the Shinto doctrine, spirits of the dead can act upon the mundane world".

Does that work for you @cjdelphi ?

Like Reactions:Stillill and Endlessly Amazed

Endlessly Amazed

Endlessly, you know, amazed

JoinedAug 6, 2020

Messages1,382

LocationArizona, USA

Nov 18, 2022

#126

Frideswide said:

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To add on to this great post (if I may, Frideswide) -

cjdelphi, you did not discuss any reasons why some of the alternative explanations were not fitting. Also, in your post regarding the sound recordings, you did not post what types of normal sounds exhibit multiple frequencies, and did not discuss if this was possible or not. You rejected any suggestions which differed from your interpretation, but offered no good evidence for this.

When you attack a person's credibility rather than the credibility of that poster's evidence, this is an ad hominem argument. When you insist you are right because of your efforts, rather than because of the results of your efforts, this is narcissism.

This forum has some very intelligent and well-educated members, from a variety of disciplines. I have learned much from them - especially when they disagree with me.

Like Reactions:brownmane, Rushfan62, Paul\_Exeter and 4 others

PeteS

Seeking refuge

JoinedDec 5, 2016

Messages4,689

Dec 11, 2022

#127

Of all the light anomalies we see in the bedroom, late Friday night two very bright white light flashes occurred which appeared to have no immediately apparent source. (Sadly no alien probing - I asked Ms P to examine me carefully, but she politely declined). Pretty reminiscent of the effect produced by Police helicopters sweeping the area with their search lights (it's a rough area) but no helicopter sound albeit the road was still very busy.

Like Reactions:brownmane, Victory, Spudrick68 and 4 others

zaknsolly

Fresh Blood

JoinedAug 25, 2015

Messages16

Jan 30, 2023

#128

This thread reminded me of a conversation I had with an old school friend a few of years ago. We knew each other at secondary school in the late 80s/early 90s. We lost touch until about 8 years ago when he found me on Facebook and we now meet up pretty regularly.

He asked me if I could remember him once telling about the weird light that shone into his bedroom. I clearly remembered us walking home from school towards the end of our secondary school years so around 91 or 92. He said he hadn't slept well as the previous night as when he'd turned out his bedroom light and rolled on his side to look at the bedroom window a really bright light lit the curtains from outside.

He said it appeared to descend as the light angled in and became so bright he was squinting and shielding his eyes with his hand. It seemed to continue to descend as if it had dropped below bedroom window height and the light was now directed on the ceiling.

After quite a few seconds, with my friend now sat up in bed wondering what on earth this was, it went out. There'd been no noise at all. He ventured over to

the window and saw nothing. He slept badly that night.

The only thing we thought it could be was some kind of parachute flare. Though they weren't the type of thing you'd expect to float down into a back garden in a suburban area of a Derbyshire market town on a weeknight. It still strikes him as odd all these years later. He described it as being like a searchlight descending down into the back gardens.

Like Reactions:brownmane, Kate In The Desert, Mythopoeika and 6 others

bugmum

bugmum

Justified & Ancient

JoinedSep 10, 2003

Messages1,640

Jan 31, 2023

#129

When the alarm had gone off at 6am the other morning and the In House GP had departed for the bathroom, I was still in bed attempting to wake up when there was a single flash of white light through one of our bedroom windows.

Our bedroom is at the back of the house, looking over other people's gardens, and although there is a road at the end of those gardens, in 25 years of living here I have never been aware of car headlights being able to get as far as our back wall.

I felt as though the light had come from below - did briefly wonder if somebody with a torch had broken into our garden, but that would be pretty stupid, advertising your presence like that. My best guess is that one of the neighbours with dogs was out in their garden, looking for one of the said creatures - but again, I've never noticed anything like that before. Definitely goes into the 'weird' category.

Like Reactions:PeteS, brownmane, Spudrick68 and 5 others

Floyd

Floyd

Beloved of Ra

JoinedApr 2, 2019

Messages12,121

Feb 1, 2023

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Well Derbyshire is known for strange lights.....

<http://www.indigogroup.co.uk/edge/Peakland.htm>

Like Reactions:brownmane and Frideswide

zaknsolly

Fresh Blood

JoinedAug 25, 2015

Messages16

Feb 1, 2023

#131

Floyd1 said:

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Thanks for that, it'll be interesting to read. We didn't live in the touristy part of the county. This occurred in one of the towns in the south of the county though.

Like Reactions:Floyd and escargot

Stpauli9

Stpauli9

Junior Acolyte

JoinedSep 22, 2009

Messages84

Feb 4, 2023

#132

Where I live is quite a leafy area and a car some distance away actually can gets its lights coming up onto the trees from down the hill. This casts the lights onto our ceiling as it drives by. Any chance of this?

Like Reactions:Frideswide and brownmane

Sid

Sid

Justified & Ancient

JoinedNov 19, 2018

Messages4,860

Feb 4, 2023

#133

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Might be from neighbours if they've installed a premises light which might have been triggered by something breaking the sensor beam, as they tend to flick on, and off all too easy sometimes?

Like Reactions:brownmane

tater78

Junior Acolyte

JoinedAug 29, 2019

Messages28

Jun 23, 2023

#134

I had a strange experience last night, 3.57am i woke up and looked at the time,



rolled onto my back and closed my eyes to go back sleep.  
Within a couple of seconds there was a flash of light, bright enough that with my eyes closed everything went orange/yellow for a second.  
I opened my eyes to pitch black. I fully expected to hear thunder or something. No sound and nothing outside when i looked.  
Like Reactions:Timelord2u, brownmane and SimonBurchell

Floyd

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Beloved of Ra

JoinedApr 2, 2019

Messages12,121

Jun 23, 2023

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Do you have a digital clock radio? Perhaps the light from that had briefly affected your retina somehow?

tater78

Junior Acolyte

JoinedAug 29, 2019

Messages28

Jun 23, 2023

#136

Floyd1 said:

Do you have a digital clock radio? Perhaps the light from that had briefly affected your retina somehow?  
No clock, i looked at the time on my phone, not very bright and my eyes had been closed for couple of seconds at least.  
I wondered for a second if putin had pressed the big red button!  
Like Reactions:Frideswide, Spudrick68, Mythopoeika and 1 other person

hunck

hunck

Beloved of Ra

JoinedJul 13, 2011

Messages10,579

LocationHobbs End

Jun 23, 2023

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tater78 said:

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Within a couple of seconds there was a flash of light, bright enough that with my eyes closed everything went orange/yellow for a second.  
I opened my eyes to pitch black. I fully expected to hear thunder or something. No sound and nothing outside when i looked.  
It's not unknown to get a single flash of lightning with no thunder - I've seen it myself. Probably likeliest explanation but a bit odd that you woke up a matter of seconds before it happened. Response to a static build up?..

Like Reactions:brownmane and Frideswide

Mythopoeika

Mythopoeika

I am a meat popsicle

JoinedSep 18, 2001

Messages53,999

LocationInside a starship, watching puny humans from afar

Jun 23, 2023

#138

tater78 said:

No clock, i looked at the time on my phone, not very bright and my eyes had been

closed for couple of seconds at least.

I wondered for a second if putin had pressed the big red button!

It's possible that he did, we all died and we've all shifted into a parallel universe where it didn't happen. The Putin in this parallel universe may still be considering whether or not to do it.

LikeLove Reactions:LazarusMP, bugmum, tater78 and 1 other person

tater78

Junior Acolyte

JoinedAug 29, 2019

Messages28

Jun 23, 2023

#139

hunck said:

It's not unknown to get a single flash of lightning with no thunder - I've seen it myself. Probably likeliest explanation but a bit odd that you woke up a matter of seconds before it happened. Response to a static build up?..

It was odd, i rarely wake up in the night, which is why i checked the time to make sure i hadn't missed my alarm

Like Reactions:brownmane and Frideswide

tater78

Junior Acolyte

JoinedAug 29, 2019

Messages28

Jun 23, 2023

#140

Mythopoeika said:

It's possible that he did, we all died and we've all shifted into a parallel universe where it didn't happen. The Putin in this parallel universe may still be considering whether or not to do it.

Well if he did and we have, its dissapointingly familiar, even down the terrible coffee at work.

Like Reactions:brownmane, Spudrick68, Frideswide and 1 other person

Mythopoeika

Mythopoeika

I am a meat popsicle

JoinedSep 18, 2001

Messages53,999

LocationInside a starship, watching puny humans from afar

Jun 23, 2023

#141

tater78 said:

Well if he did and we have, its dissapointingly familiar, even down the terrible coffee at work.

There may be small differences. If you notice any, you can report them on the Mandela Effect thread that we have here.

Like Reactions:SimonBurchell and Frideswide

Sharon Hill

Sharon Hill

Complicated biological machine

JoinedDec 16, 2014

Messages2,733

LocationPennsylvania, USA

Jun 23, 2023

#142

tater78 said:

I had a strange experience last night, 3.57am i woke up and looked at the time, rolled onto my back and closed my eyes to go back sleep.

Within a couple of seconds there was a flash of light, bright enough that with my eyes closed everything went orange/yellow for a second.

I opened my eyes to pitch black. I fully expected to hear thunder or something. No sound and nothing outside when i looked.

It sounds like your eyes just readjusted to the darkness after you looked at the time or you interpreted some brain signal as a bright flash.

Like Reactions:brownmane and Frideswide

Erinaceus  
Erinaceus  
Gone But Not Forgotten  
(ACCOUNT RETIRED)  
JoinedJul 22, 2020  
Messages1,623  
LocationHythe, Kent  
Jun 23, 2023

#143

Exploding head syndrome is sometimes accompanied by a flash. I haven't had it occur recently but it nearly always happened.  
Have you noticed an increase in the number of floaters or other changes to your sight?

Like Reactions:brownmane

Sid

Sid

Justified & Ancient

JoinedNov 19, 2018

Messages4,860

Jun 23, 2023

#144

tater78 said:

Well if he did and we have, its dissapointingly familiar, even down the terrible coffee at work.

Live anywhere close to electrified railway tracks I'm wondering?

Like Reactions:SimonBurchell

tater78

Junior Acolyte

JoinedAug 29, 2019

Messages28

Jun 23, 2023

#145

Sharon Hill said:

It sounds like your eyes just readjusted to the darkness after you looked at the time or you interpreted some brain signal as a bright flash.

I don't think so, this was ridiculously bright.

Sid said:

Live anywhere close to electrified railway tracks I'm wondering?

At least 10 miles, no street lighting, no security lights

Earthly oddity

Abominable Snowman

JoinedDec 19, 2021

Messages889

Jun 23, 2023

#146

Erinaceus said:

Exploding head syndrome is sometimes accompanied by a flash. I haven't had it occur recently but it nearly always happened.

Have you noticed an increase in the number of floaters or other changes to your sight?

I used to get this a lot.....Flashes with and without noise accompanymnt.

Like Reactions:brownmane

MorningAngel

MorningAngel

Justified & Ancient

JoinedMay 14, 2015

Messages3,883

Jun 23, 2023

#147

MorningAngel said:

I went to have another nose at the video. There's a weird dividing line at one point. I'll put up the other pic so you can see there's no building or anything there. I suppose it could just be how my camera works.

Sorry I know this doesn't help yours. Although I'm not that far away, I'm within the M25.

I saw a flash last year while I was parking up at home. No noise, I got it on my dash cam. (Not sure if this will share the pictures I posted or not. )

Edit- It didn't put the pictures in the quote but you can see them if you use the arrow on the quote.

Last edited: Jun 24, 2023

Sid

Sid

Justified & Ancient

JoinedNov 19, 2018

Messages4,860

Jun 24, 2023

#148

tater78 said:

I don't think so, this was ridiculously bright.

At least 10 miles, no street lighting, no security lights

The reason I asked that question, is that I remember seeing night-time flashes caused by electric \*shunting trains. I found this on internet .. it quotes that 'it is possible that the overhead lines of electric trains can cause arcing which can produce a bright flash. \*The amount of arcing depends on how much load the train is drawing.'

So I would suggest, that distances that it would cover would be quite a number of miles - where night-time electric flashes are concerned.

Last edited: Jun 24, 2023

Like Reactions:brownmane

Erinaceus

Erinaceus

Gone But Not Forgotten

(ACCOUNT RETIRED)

JoinedJul 22, 2020

Messages1,623

LocationHythe, Kent

Jun 24, 2023

#149

The Southern Region multiple units using the 3rd rail for power also did that. I used to live about 2.7km from Chislehurst junction and would sometimes see a flash from that direction.

Like Reactions:brownmane

MorningAngel

MorningAngel

Justified & Ancient

JoinedMay 14, 2015

Messages3,883

Sep 19, 2023

#150

From Reddit. It seems a lot of people have experienced this.

I saw a camera flash. I was alone and in my laundry room.

This happened yesterday in the early afternoon and I was really freaked out. I was loading clothes into the dryer from the washer and there was a distinct camera flash. Almost like an old school super bright white/lightning flash. There was nobody else in the house and the window to my right had the blinds half open and there was nobody there. The next closest window was to my left in the kitchen and there was nobody there either. The weather was clear and sunny.

The flash lit the entire space I was in the same way a photo flash would. Same length of time you would expect from that same kind of flash. No light bulbs are burnt out and I cannot figure out where this came from.

[https://reddit.com/r/Glitch\\_in\\_the\\_Matrix/s/WtcEjhCY4r](https://reddit.com/r/Glitch_in_the_Matrix/s/WtcEjhCY4r)

Like Reactions:Timelord2u, kesavaross, Stpauli9 and 2 others

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Flashes Of Light Outside Window

Thread starterSimonB Start dateOct 4, 2022 Tags2022 flash flashes ihtm light window

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RaM

RaM

Shit Happens

JoinedMar 12, 2015

Messages4,299

LocationNW UK

Sep 19, 2023

#151

Had a very bright seres of white lights about 4am one morning 2 weeks ago woke us both up even though heavy curtains, first thought returning space junk, jumped up and much to my surprise it was a woman walking her dog with one of those super bright led lights on her forehead.

Like Reactions:Timelord2u, Ascalon, escargot and 3 others

Mythopoeika

Mythopoeika

I am a meat popsicle

JoinedSep 18, 2001

Messages53,999

LocationInside a starship, watching puny humans from afar

Sep 27, 2023

#152

My Mum woke up at 5 am today, and the whole house was lit up with a very bright light.

There was no sound, and the whole episode lasted for 2-3 minutes.

She thought it may have been lightning, but as it went on continuously for 2-3 minutes, I'm not so sure.

A very odd occurrence.

She wasn't dreaming, as she had to get up to go to the loo anyway.

LikeLove Reactions:ramonmercado, Timelord2u, catseye and 6 others

catseye

catseye

Bishop of the Church of the Immaculate Toaster

JoinedFeb 1, 2010

Messages14,172

LocationYork

Sep 28, 2023

#153

Mythopoeika said:

My Mum woke up at 5 am today, and the whole house was lit up with a very bright light.

There was no sound, and the whole episode lasted for 2-3 minutes.

She thought it may have been lightning, but as it went on continuously for 2-3 minutes, I'm not so sure.

A very odd occurrence.

She wasn't dreaming, as she had to get up to go to the loo anyway.

Have there been any reports of police activity in her vicinity? Sounds like searchlights.

Like Reactions:Timelord2u and RaM

Mythopoeika

Mythopoeika

I am a meat popsicle

JoinedSep 18, 2001

Messages53,999

LocationInside a starship, watching puny humans from afar

Sep 28, 2023

#154

catseye said:

Have there been any reports of police activity in her vicinity? Sounds like searchlights.

All around the house? With no sounds?

Like Reactions:Timelord2u, catseye, Sid and 1 other person

Sid

Sid

Justified & Ancient

JoinedNov 19, 2018

Messages4,860

Sep 28, 2023

#155

Mythopoeika said:

All around the house? With no sounds?

It would have had to have been very high up in the air not to have heard any sounds from it hovering overhead.

Last edited: Sep 28, 2023

Like Reactions:catseye, Timelord2u and MorningAngel

catseye

catseye

Bishop of the Church of the Immaculate Toaster

JoinedFeb 1, 2010

Messages14,172

LocationYork

Oct 7, 2023

#156

Sid said:

It would have had to have been very high up in the air not to have heard any sounds from it hovering overhead.

Wouldn't have to be from a helicopter. Could be 'on the ground' and no noise because if you're trying to find someone who's hiding, you might not want them to know exactly where you are...

Like Reactions: Sid, Timelord2u and Frideswide

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The Well-Known Skeptic

Guerrilla Skeptics: A Pathway to Skeptical Activism

Rob Palmer

May 25, 2018

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In my mid-teen years, I was a firm believer in biorhythms, ancient aliens, the Bermuda triangle, ESP, and all manner of pseudoscientific nonsense. At that time (the '70s) there was no internet (gasp!) and no easy way to find information countering these woo claims. I was lucky that I eventually stumbled upon a copy of Skeptical Inquirer in my school's library, and it was that event that put me on the path to rationality. I read all the copies available in the library, got a subscription, and found myself being reasoned out of all the false beliefs, one by one, that I had previously acquired. I felt enlightened, but that came at a price.

Convincing my many woo-believing family members, friends, schoolmates, and then coworkers that what I used to believe—and what they still did believe—was likely wrong was just not happening. I spent a great deal of time arguing against their proclamations about the paranormal, pseudoscience, conspiracy theories, and all manner of nonsense. Sure, I had a few friends who weren't true believers, but discussing these topics with them wasn't satisfying at all. That wasn't doing anything more than shouting into an echo chamber. That was not outreach. I wanted to change some minds, not just reinforce opinions already held that agreed with mine. The advent of social media, of course, only made things much, much worse. Posting about science and reason only earned me the cold shoulder with those I hoped to reach with the truth. The only thing I accomplished was to

make myself utterly frustrated. It was like hitting my head on a brick wall. Very hard. Repeatedly. Sound familiar? If you are reading this on Skeptical Inquirer's website, I think it is likely you can relate to at least some of my experiences.

So, what if I told you that I recently found a way to reach people outside the echo chamber who may be open to what I have to say? A way I could get good information to millions of people who might actually be searching for it to help them make up their minds about topics that skeptics care about? Topics like going to a medium, or using a naturopath, or withholding vaccinations from children? Did I say "millions of people"? Yes, I did. No doubt you are skeptical of this claim, but please read on.

As I mentioned, stumbling across Skeptical Inquirer all those decades ago taught me to think rationally. But it was stumbling across a Skeptic Zone podcast interview in 2016 about the Guerrilla Skepticism on Wikipedia (GSOW) project that gave me a way to actually contribute to the cause—in a big way. So, what is this Guerrilla Skepticism on Wikipedia all about?

The Guerrilla Skeptics team is an international group of 100 or so volunteers working in many languages. Our mission is to improve skeptical content on Wikipedia by writing or improving skepticism and science related articles, as well as the biographical articles of notable people involved in the skeptical movement. We add valid material and citations, and we remove unsourced claims from paranormal and pseudoscientific articles. We do everything from making small improvements, like improving existing text and references, to writing entire articles from scratch. The team's topics of interest are varied and include purported psychic mediums, an international suicide hoax game, the supposed "sonic attack" on the U.S. Embassy in Cuba, documentaries (pro- and antiscience), scientists (both active and deceased), alt-med topics, skeptical movement spokespeople and organizations, and even an astronaut. In fact, we did the re-write of the article for the first and only (underappreciated) astro-cat, Félicette (check it out)! Sometimes we add facts, and sometimes we subtract misinformation (or disallowed information per Wikipedia rules); most often it is a mix of both.

Most importantly, we do all this by following the encyclopedia's strict rules and guidelines. We are trained to work within the "corporate culture" of Wikipedia—which is extremely collaborative and very pro-science and anti-pseudoscience. (More on that later.)

Sometimes what your detractors have to say about you is very informative. In our case, they tend to get everything wrong about Wikipedia rules and how GSOW operates collaboratively within the encyclopedia. After first saying that Wikipedia had once been "a utopian ideal," the astrology website Astrology.co.uk went on to claim that Susan Gerbic and her Guerilla Skeptics team had spoiled it all for everyone. They even took a swipe at the Skeptical Inquirer:

... anyone interested in pages on what Wikipedia term 'fringe' topics: those relating to astrology, the paranormal, metaphysics, faith/spirituality or alternative medicine or on atheism or [skepticism] will find editing is a closed shop controlled by a small group of editors.... Their avid faith in science as the only source of truth is known as scientism.... Since most of their knowledge of fringe subjects is acquired from the biased perspective of sceptical publications like the Skeptical Inquirer, conferences and books, subjects like the paranormal, religious belief, astrology and alternative medicine appear objectionable. Scientific evidence supporting fringe subjects is not welcomed in the manner of a good scientist.... Gerbic is clearly very proud that her team changed the homeopathy page "drastically" and managed to insert the word 'quackery' into the lead section on the main homeopathy article ... apparently this was with a nod from [Wikipedia founder] Jimmy Wales.... Though I am not a follower of homeopathy, this seemed an unnecessary insult to a well-established therapy used by many medical doctors. Even if it is a placebo as some tests claim (and others do not), it is therapeutic in a way that does not require



invasive surgery or drugs with harmful side-effects. Who are we to judge?  
(<http://archive.is/umIsl>)

Well, GSoW isn't the judge, but Wikipedia's policies are. On Wikipedia, if not elsewhere, homeopathy and other forms of pseudoscience may be called exactly what they are—nonsense and quackery. On Wikipedia, facts matter. Science matters. The members of the GSoW team just do our best to implement the established rules. And the quacks, scam-artists, alt-med, and woo-peddlers of every stripe absolutely hate us for it. Well, that's just too bad. Some of the team wear this as a badge of honor.

So, what are these Wikipedia rules favoring science and skepticism? According to the "Wikipedia Arbitration Committee Decisions on Pseudoscience" proclamation (<http://archive.is/8SgCF>):

The Arbitration Committee has issued several principles which may be helpful to editors ... when dealing with subjects and categories related to "pseudoscience":

Scientific focus: Wikipedia is an encyclopedia and its content on scientific and quasi-scientific topics will primarily reflect current mainstream scientific consensus.

Neutral point of view as applied to science: "Wikipedia: Neutral point of view", a fundamental policy, requires fair representation of significant alternatives to scientific orthodoxy. Significant alternatives, in this case, refers to legitimate scientific disagreement, as opposed to pseudoscience.

That last point, "as opposed to pseudoscience," is the key. We actually had to point out this policy when arguing with an opposing editor who was claiming that the article about Modern flat Earth societies needed to be "fair and balanced." He was complaining on the Talk page (most every Wikipedia article has an associated Talk page where editors argue over what the main article should include) about a section GSoW added that stated that flat Earthers had taken to using social media "...to spread disinformation and attract others to their erroneous ideas..." He didn't like the use of "disinformation" and "their erroneous ideas," and said so (<http://archive.is/07iH7>):

If the article is discussing flat-Earthers, then it should discuss them \*\*\*\*neutrally\*\*\*\*. Defining them one way or the other is an opinion, and is absolutely not encyclopedic. It doesn't matter if they're crazy, weird, or whatever you think of them. You could avoid starting a whole article about them in this case. But given the fact that [the article exists] it needs to be very unbiased and neutral, giving both sides of the argument if you need to. But describing your subject with biased descriptions all over the page is not typical of encyclopedias.

Thanks to Wikipedia policies and our push-back citing said policies, despite that editor's efforts and opinions, the article remains dismissive of the flat-Earth conspiracy theory. No neutrality required.

The same type of thing frequently happens with articles on woo-topics somewhat less out-there than the flat-Earth conspiracy. One more example: take "psychic medium" Tyler Henry. (Please, take him.) An editor with the Wikipedia account name (something like) I-Love-Tyler-Henry deleted all the valid, well sourced criticism that GSoW had added to the Hollywood Medium with Tyler Henry article. Their recorded reason for the deletion was that no one who had not directly experienced Henry's powers had any right to criticize him. Well, Wikipedia rules beg to differ. A non-GSoW editor handled this one by properly following Wikipedia rules and "reverting" the deletion, thus restoring all the valid criticism of Henry from Steven Novella, Susan Gerbic, David Gorski, Sharon Hill, Mark Edward, Hemant Mehta, and the Independent Investigations Group, among others.

Now let me make it clear why Wikipedia, and the quality of the information

there, is important in the first place. If no one sees the material, who cares how much woo, alt-med, and other nonsense sneaks in, right? Well, according to Alexa, Wikipedia is the fourth most visited website in the English-speaking world. It is only behind the three giants: Google, YouTube, and Facebook (<http://archive.is/fARt3>). When you realize that in that group only Wikipedia is, well, an encyclopedia, the importance of getting the details correct on that site becomes clear. And, as both Google (and lately YouTube) point their users to Wikipedia, the importance of the encyclopedia having valid information available to people searching for it is absolutely critical. In many Google searches, the Wikipedia article on the searched-for topic is at or near the top of the list. For a search on a woo claim, sometimes it is the only rational, skeptical hit returned. Someone on the fence about a woo claim may be dissuaded from taking on an irrational belief just by stumbling across a well written Wikipedia article on the subject they were Googling.

One more important point: Journalists use Wikipedia. And in the course of research for a story, if a reporter finds skeptical information in an article on a woo topic, they might use that as the basis for a story rather than disseminate nonsense to their reading or viewing public. And this isn't just a hypothesis. We have seen concrete examples of news stories quoting our Wikipedia material. One recent case was in USA Today Sports. When wrestler and Olympian Ronda Rousey sat for a psychic reading on The Hollywood Medium and acted as if Tyler Henry were the real deal (<http://archive.is/f8kQs>), the USA Today article used the phrase "grief vampire" regarding Henry. It also reported that the show had received the "Truly Terrible Television Award" from the IIG for "extraordinary ongoing deceit of the American public." These golden nuggets, and more, are in the Tyler Henry Wikipedia article for all to find thanks to the Guerrilla Skeptics.

Now back to my claim regarding providing good information "to millions of people": Since joining the GSOW team in late 2016, the seventeen articles that I created from scratch, or largely rewrote, have now garnered just over 901,000 pageviews. This tally is currently increasing at the rate of about 2,300 daily. And, as our promo spot says, I reach people even while I sleep. Keep in mind that this does not count the smaller (yet important) contributions I made to many, many other articles. And I'm not done making edits or writing articles. (By the way, in case you're wondering: we track the pageviews for "our" articles using Wikipedia's own data, which is available via a simple query.)

What about the entire team? Well, the numbers for the collective major work of the GSOW team—again, just the 627 article rewrites or new articles—are now over 26.6 million, increasing at over 33,000 daily. How's that for outreach? Personally, I find these numbers mind boggling.

So, there you have it. What Guerilla Skepticism on Wikipedia does is to promote science and reason using one of the most powerful platforms available. And perhaps just slightly less important than that, being a part of the GSOW team provides its members with a personal sense of accomplishment: We are all part of the skeptical movement, and we know that we are helping make the world a more informed and hopefully slightly more rational place.

So, if you have been wanting to contribute to the Skeptical movement but didn't know how to go about it, joining our team may be just what you've been looking for. We will train and mentor you and provide you with the skills to effectively contribute to Wikipedia, possibly the most powerful education tool in the world. If you think you might like to help us advocate for science and fight woo and pseudoscience, email us at [GSOWTeam@gmail.com](mailto:GSOWTeam@gmail.com). Need a bit more convincing? Search for "Guerrilla Skeptics Promo" on YouTube to hear our official recruitment spot, with yours-truly getting the word out on The Skeptic Zone podcast.

Rob Palmer

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A genuine skeptic is one who inquires with an open mind, using critical thinking to evaluate all available evidence. Unfortunately, some who laud themselves as skeptics are in fact pseudoskeptics. They are committed to a narrow metaphysical belief system, often without being aware that they are. On the contrary, they frequently claim to hold no beliefs at all, just the unvarnished scientific "truth" and automatically dismiss any evidence that contradicts their fossilized viewpoint.

Skeptical About Skeptics shines a light on these actors with articles by top scientists and thinkers, revealing the skeptics' faulty critiques and underhanded methods. We highlight controversies in specific fields of research and examine prominent pseudoskeptics and skeptical organizations.

Chris French Reverses Stance, Selflessly Declares Parapsychology Actual Science by Sebastian Penraeth

In a surprising turn of events, Professor Chris French, a prominent figure within the skeptical community—and longtime slinger of the pseudoscience card—publicly revised his stance on parapsychology, declaring it a legitimate science. This marks a significant departure from the traditionally dismissive view held by most skeptics. Originally explored in a chapter of *Pseudoscience: The Conspiracy Against Science*, French subsequently published an article or two in *The Skeptic* magazine about his shift in viewpoint.

He rightly acknowledges the complexity of the demarcation problem—the challenge of distinguishing science from pseudoscience—and suggests that rather than strict criteria, a set of benchmarks indicative of good science can be more appropriately applied. These benchmarks include falsifiability, reproducibility, and a connection to the broader scientific community, among others.

"The best approach appears to be one that does not attempt to apply a definitive list of strict criteria but instead accepts that there are certain 'benchmarks' that characterise what we think of as good science."

French's reassessment was significantly influenced by a paper by Marie-Catherine Mousseau, which empirically evaluated parapsychology against these benchmarks, finding little support for its classification as pseudoscience.

Mousseau's analysis is rooted in a comparative study of mainstream and "fringe" scientific journals, alongside observations from the annual meeting of the Parapsychological Association. Her findings reveal that unlike mainstream journals, which tend to emphasize positive findings, fringe journals demonstrated a commendable willingness to publish studies with negative outcomes. This practice is crucial for the scientific method, as it provides a more complete and honest picture of research efforts and outcomes. Almost half of the articles in fringe journals reported disconfirmation of hypotheses, a stark contrast to the mainstream journals in Mousseau's sample, where ZERO reports of negative results were found.

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Sheldrake VS Shermer - Live debate on science from How The Light Gets In 2023

Rupert Sheldrake and professional skeptic Michael Shermer engage in a spirited debate over the scope and limitations of scientific inquiry. While Shermer champions the scientific method as our best path to truth, Sheldrake argues for broadening the field to include phenomena often sidelined by mainstream science. Though both prioritize evidence, they diverge on what qualifies as strong enough to shake existing paradigms.

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"A form of scientific fundamentalism"

In order to deal with cognitive dissonance, I argue that some skeptics use the same basic methods as religious fundamentalists [...who] often perform irrational cognitive contortions to dismiss evidence against their beliefs, such as when creationists try to explain the existence of fossils by saying that "God put them there to test our faith" (or by Satan to tempt us into unbelief). Similarly, if skeptics engage with the evidence for psi or conduct research, they might go to lengths to establish that positive results have not occurred.

- Steve Taylor, Ph.D.

Why Some Scientists Resist the Evidence for Psi, Psychology Today

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Comments on Steven Pinker's view of the Paranormal

by Brian D. Josephson, Ph.D.

Cavendish Laboratory, University of Cambridge

Nobel Laureate in Physics, 1973

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In a talk in his BBC Radio 4 series 'Think with Pinker', Steven Pinker asked 'why do so many of us believe in so much quackery and flapdoodle?', characterising extrasensory perception as 'paranormal woowoo'. I can imagine such language slipping out in the course of casual conversation, but on the BBC, in a programme where the text must have been carefully thought out in advance?

Something must have led to this being said in such an uncritical manner, so I thought I'd email Pinker to find out what had led him to speak in this way in regard to the paranormal. In response he came up with two arguments. The first has, at first sight, a degree of plausibility, and is the following: if there really are people with the claimed paranormal abilities, they could use these to win consistently at betting, and we would learn about that. However (as described in a recent Guardian article) it seems this does not happen, because when such people start to win significant sums of money the bookies take note, responding to the threat that they pose by imposing limits on how much they are allowed to bet. As a result, we cannot safely infer that there are no people who can use their paranormal abilities to win large amounts at betting.

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Call for Grant Applications from Researchers in Subtle Energy and Biofield Healing

The Biofield Research Fellowship Program

For researchers interested in exploring the science of subtle energy and biofield healing, the Biofield Research Fellowship Program is now seeking applications for a new grant/fellowship opportunity, which will provide six annual grants of up to \$20,000 USD each, plus mentorship and community for emerging researchers across multiple disciplines.

Backed by a collaborative group of philanthropists and foundations called the Subtle Energy Collective (below), the Biofield Research Fellowship Program is funding rigorous examinations of biofield science with the goal of seeding a new generation of biofield researchers to advance the field and bolster its research base. In addition to grant funds, the Fellowship Program will provide Fellows with a collaborative community of emerging and established researchers and will pair each Fellow with a respected research mentor who has expertise relevant to their research. The findings derived from Fellows' investigations will provide greater insight into biofield therapies and their applications for reducing

suffering and promoting health and wellbeing.

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The Man Who Destroyed Skepticism

By Mitch Horowitz

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James Randi

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Several years ago I was preparing a talk on the life of occult journeyer Madame H.P. Blavatsky (1831-1891) for the Rubin Museum of Art in New York City. Someone on Facebook asked sardonically: "Will James Randi be there?" My interlocutor was referencing the man known worldwide as a debunker of psychical and paranormal claims. (That my online critic was outspoken about his own religious beliefs posed no apparent irony for him.)

Last week marked the death at age 92 of James "The Amazing" Randi, a stage magician who became internationally famous as a skeptic—indeed Randi rebooted the term "skepticism" as a response to the boom in psychical claims and research in the post-Woodstock era. Today, thousands of journalists, bloggers and the occasional scientist call themselves skeptics in the mold set by Randi. Over the past decade, the investigator himself was heroized in documentaries, profiles, and, now, obituaries. A Guardian columnist eulogized him as the "prince of reason."

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Wikipedia's Culture of Editorial Chaos and Malice

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Perhaps the greatest farce in the modern history of technology is the perception of Wikipedia as a legitimate encyclopedia. It has none of the qualifications as such but has all of the characteristics of a compromised propaganda machine disguised as an encyclopedia.

An authentic encyclopedia is transparent. Users can review the qualifications and expertise of its contributors. There is no personal animus or bias. If anything, these are people who are acutely conscious of the facts regarding any given subject. There is no whitewashing, no recasting or repurposing of negative content into positive opinions or vice versa. If an error is detected, it can be quickly corrected.

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James E Alcock

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James E. Alcock, PhD, is professor emeritus of psychology at York University in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He is a fellow and member of the executive council of the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry (CSI), and a member of the editorial board of the Skeptical Inquirer. In 1994 he received CSI's highest honour, the "In Praise of Reason" award. In 1999, he was nominated by a panel of skeptics as among the two dozen most outstanding skeptics of the twentieth century. He believes that psi phenomena are impossible, and therefore the evidence for them must be non-existent. He therefore tries to explain away the evidence as based on wishful thinking, methodological errors, failure to fit in with the materialist paradigm and blind belief. Ironically, one of his areas of research in psychology is the nature of belief, as summarized in his book *Belief: What It Means to Believe and Why Our Convictions are So Compelling*.

In an interview in the Los Angeles Times, he said that the brain is a machine that produces beliefs without any particular respect for what is real or true and what is not." In 2019, together with Arthur Reber, he published a paper in the *American Psychologist* called "Searching for the impossible: Parapsychology's

elusive quest." He and Reber were explicit about the dogmatic basis for their skepticism: "Claims made by parapsychologists cannot be true. The effects reported can have no ontological status; the data have no existential value." Therefore all the evidence can be dismissed without bothering to consider it. His own brain produces a strong belief that has little respect for what is real and what is not. Like other dogmatic skeptics, he thinks he knows the truth already. Evidence is irrelevant. Alcock is an prime example of a skeptic for whom Science and Reason are a brand, rather than a practice.

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The Good Thinking Society

Simon Singh

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Simon Singh founded the Good Thinking Society (website ) in 2012 as part of his crusade against alternative medicine. The Society aims to fund skeptical projects and to campaign against homeopathy, ear candling and other forms of alternative medicine. It also supports mathematical education, encouraging schools to set up Top-Top sets.

In 2015 the Good Thinking Society threatened legal action against the Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group over the spending of £30,000 per year on homeopathy. Singh said, "Homeopathic treatments when paid for by the NHS are a waste of crucial resources". Singh then campaigned for all other clinical commissioning groups in Britain that supported homeopathy to withdraw their funding. However he has provided no evidence that this would actually save money for the NHS. The patients who were receiving homeopathic remedies before Singh's campaign did not simply evaporate. When people who had been supplied with homeopathic remedies were no longer provided with them, doctors might well have prescribed allopathic remedies instead which cost more.

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Wikipedia Editors: A Psychological Profile

by Richard Gale and Gary Null PhD

In looking up information on alternative health issues using a legitimate, highly respected encyclopedia such as Encyclopedia Britannica we find a fair, balanced, and scholarly review of the available literature on topics such as traditional Chinese medicine, homeopathy, acupuncture, etc. Britannica and any of the other six (6) comparable encyclopedias name the editors and provide curriculum vitae demonstrating their expertise in the area of their editing. There is no debasement. There are no attacks. No sense that a person reading any entry should feel mentally incompetent for choosing a particular piece of information. Also, at no point in these highly revered encyclopedias is there character assassination, ridicule, mocking, or disparagement of people supporting any of the alternative and complementary medical approaches. The process is transparent, instructive, and a benefit.

Now let's compare that to an experience on Wikipedia which calls itself an encyclopedia, but fails even the most rudimentary challenges. Most of the editors are anonymous with no curriculum vitae to see if they have expertise in the area they are editing. Also, words such as "charlatan," "quack," "lunatic," "fringe," and "pseudoscientific" are not uncommon. There is zero transparency. One feels an oozing sense of condescension viewing the biographies of biologist Rupert Sheldrake, or physician Deepak Chopra, or the investigative work of Sharyl Attkisson. And these are just a few of the many individuals who are held in utter contempt, who have been judged as being of no legitimate value. And even worse, they have been condemned as quacks, charlatans, opportunists, without ever having been interviewed, as if in a Stalinistic show trial—condemned without an opportunity to respond to the allegations.

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The Evolution of Barbara Ehrenreich

A Skeptic's Progress

by Ted Dace



After decades of concealing the mystical experience that wrenched open her mind at age 17, Barbara Ehrenreich was finally coming to grips with what happened that sunny morning in 1959. But now she faced a quandary. Long revered as a dedicated atheist, even accepting awards from organizations of "freethinkers," a.k.a. skeptics, how could the noted author and theorist tell the world she'd once seen God - or if not God, at least the Other? By writing *Living with a Wild God*, Ehrenreich courageously broke ranks, demonstrating that the scientific mind need not be burdened by ideological "skepticism."

Atheism ran deep in her family. Her dad, who'd escaped the mines of Butte, Montana by way of an education in metallurgy, liked to regale the wife and kids Sunday mornings with classic atheist tracts. So when 12-year old Barbara Alexander began to question the point of existence, the one place she would never go for answers was religion. This complicated her task enormously. Paraphrasing Pascal, "How shall we redeem this obscene slaughter called history," ask Will and Ariel Durant, "except by believing, with or against the evidence, that God will right all wrongs in the end?"

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Clever Rationalizations that Get in the Way of Progress

Abstracted from Chapter 13 of: "The Conscious Universe: The Scientific Truth of Psychic Phenomena" by Dean I. Radin (HarperEdge, 1997)

Skepticism, meaning doubt, is one of the hallmarks of the scientific approach.

Skepticism sharpens the critical thought required to sift the wheat from the chaff, and it forces experimental methods, measurements, and ideas to pass through an extremely fine sieve before they are accepted into the "scientific worldview." A little critical thinking applied to many of the claims of New Age devotees reveals why many scientists are dubious of psi phenomena. Science requires substantial amounts of repeatable, trustworthy evidence before taking claims of unexpected effects seriously. Depending on the claim, providing sufficient evidence can take years, decades, or half-centuries of painstaking, detailed work. Learning how to create this evidence requires long training and experience in conventional disciplines like experimental design, analysis and statistics.

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Dogmatic Skepticism Does Not Advance Science

by Rupert Sheldrake, Ph.D.

Biologist and author best known for his hypothesis of morphic resonance. At Cambridge University he worked in developmental biology as a Fellow of Clare College.

Rupert Sheldrake

Dr. Rupert Sheldrake

After a recent exchange with Michael Shermer about the value of "positive" skepticism, I received the following letter from Rupert Sheldrake, the English biologist who is widely considered one of the leading thinkers in consciousness and post-Darwinian evolution.

He offers a case in point about how fair or even scientific the skeptical attitude often turns out to be. Sheldrake's many books, beginning with *A New Science of Life* (1981), propose workable experiments to prove that evolution isn't merely materialistic and that a field of "extended mind" is real,

affecting every life form on earth.

Sheldrake is a speculative thinker by orthodox standards, but his academic credentials are impeccable and he has the patience to contend with his opponents on their own scientific terms.

- Deepak Chopra

Dear Deepak,

I read your exchange with Michael Shermer with much interest. I agree with both of you about the need for skepticism as a essential part of the scientific process. But media skeptics are not usually part of a constructive scientific debate but rather follow a narrow, negative agenda. Michael claimed that skeptics such as himself are "thoughtful, inquiring, and reflective." But there is a big gulf between this ideal and what media skeptics actually do, which, as you pointed out, all too often involves condemning open-minded inquiry. Like you, I have been the target of many skeptical attacks, and my experience has been very similar to your own.

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Pathological Disbelief: The Lindau Lecture

by Brian D. Josephson, Ph.D., Nobel Laureate in Physics, 1973

Nobel Laureates' Annual Meeting, Lindau, Germany - June 30, 2004

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Brian Josephson

Dr. Brian D. Josephson

"The system built up over the years to promote scientific advance has become one that narrow-minded people can use to block any advance that they deem unacceptable."

Abstract:

This talk mirrors "Pathological Science", a lecture given by Chemistry Laureate Irving Langmuir (1). Langmuir discussed cases where scientists, on the basis of invalid processes, claimed the validity of phenomena that were unreal. My interest is in the counter-pathology involving cases where phenomena that are almost certainly real are rejected by the scientific community, for reasons that are just as invalid as those of the cases described by Langmuir. Alfred Wegener's continental drift proposal (2) provides a good example, being simply dismissed by most scientists at the time, despite the overwhelming evidence in its favour. In such situations incredulity, expressed strongly by the disbelievers, frequently takes over: no longer is the question that of the truth or falsity of the claims; instead, the agenda centres on denunciation of the claims. Ref. 3, containing a number of hostile comments by scientists with no detailed familiarity with the research on which they cast scorn, illustrates this very well. In this "denunciation mode", the usual scientific care is absent; pseudo-arguments often take the place of scientific ones. Irving Langmuir's lecture referred to above is often exploited in this way, his list of criteria for "Pathological Science" being applied blindly to dismiss claims of the existence of specific phenomena without proper examination of the evidence. We find a similar method of subverting logical analysis in a weekly column supported by the American Physical Society (4).

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Skeptics in the Media: Gadflies Without a Sting

There is a field beyond all notions of right and wrong. Come, meet me there. -  
Rumi

We live in a society where the worst humiliation, apparently, is to be duped. If Skeptic magazine's table of contents reflects the world, we are buried up to our necks in charlatans, pseudoscientists, scam artists, and the self-deluded.

I cannot otherwise explain why being skeptical, without any additional positive contribution, is considered somehow admirable. I dislike skepticism when it sits by the road and shoots down any traveler trying to take a different way. I oppose skepticism when it turns destructive, using disdainful dismissiveness as its chief tactic.

Let me speak personally here as a target of skeptical critiques:

I have rarely met a skeptic who didn't use ad hominem attacks.

1. Skeptics generally leap to the conclusion that I am naive, self-deluded, or simply unread in the sciences.
2. Skeptics rarely examine the shaky assumptions of their own position.
3. Skeptics believe that doubt is a positive attribute. (Skeptics in person can be appealing, usually in a kind of quirky misanthropic way, although most come off as self-important petty naysayers who try everyone's patience.)
4. Worst of all, skeptics take pride in defending the status quo and condemn the kind of open-minded inquiry that peers into the unknown.

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It seems pretty obvious that the government is afraid of what's out there because they know they're (and humanity in general) inferior to anyone who can manage to get here from elsewhere, whether it be another world or a different reality. I see that fear here every day in posts made by people who sound like they're still thinking like members of the Condon Committee.

We're a primitive species but we all need to understand that it's not a crime to be primitive. No one's going to come and take our rocks and slingshots away because we don't know how to work and play well with others. If they did, Ukraine and Russia wouldn't be talking peace right now. It's been said over and over but if these UFOs and UAPs were the vanguard of a much more advanced hostile species, they'd have made a move a long time ago, before we had the power to ruin the whole planet.

I have absolutely no doubt that the shenanigans you refer to are happening here every day. For me the sad part of all of these spy games is they're such a tremendous waste of time and energy and all this subterfuge holds us back, it doesn't move us forward as a species or help us to understand what's really going on in the universe.

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I forgot to mention: The most obvious groups who could be pitted against one another to waste time on nonsense instead of focusing on common goals: skeptic versus "believer." What other groups?

Promoting drama has to play a huge role. This person said this, this person's fault needs an unnecessary amount of attention, etc.

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Highlighting distinctions to create groups in order to pit them against each other is a classic move. As a sociologist there is a paradigm called conflict theory which basically states that groups in power will work consciously and subconsciously to maintain power. When challenges arise they respond accordingly, think about the history of labor/leftwing movements in this country. They find a way to fracture solidarity and promote infighting. It's empirical and we have literally no reason to believe it doesn't happen here.

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I take it as a fact that all social media is manipulated.

The way I see this playing out currently is that we are getting information spoonfed to us slowly from the pro-disclosure squad for easy, slow digestion.

The anti-disclosure government factions take to the internet and the media to spin it as crazy talk. They have few other cards to play with such momentum built.

It's a tug of war, even on the internet.

Alternatively, the narrative about government infighting is manufactured. The reality is a well-planned public perceptions campaign. Manipulation of social media prevents disclosure from getting ahead of itself and ensures that information is internalized properly. You really never know for sure.

Whatever you believe on the matter, I think we can all agree that something is going on. Psyop, interdimensional, aliens, whatever. Something is going on.

Just look at the subreddit growth:

<https://subredditstats.com/r/UFOs>

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This is why I actively upvote things that need visibility and downvote comments that seem suspiciously negative. They're actively suppressing in these forums, it's obvious.

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I have had a gut feeling this might be the case

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Like it or not so long as we use social media for anything more than sharing memes our minds are contested territory in a theatre of war.

That is the state of social media these days. Another angle for adversarial states to poke jabs at each other's stability.

And on top of it there is the consideration of domestic meddling for maintaining status quo and countering those jabs. It's just too powerful a lever to ignore.

Always, do your best to maintain your own emotional baseline when communicating online. Don't let yourself get taken for a ride on any waves.

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The ways in which to sabotage the forming and functioning of a collective endeavor like UFOlogy are ubiquitous.

Most importantly, they need not differ from simple incompetence and are accordingly best hidden as such. Embedding shells deeply and early in a targeted organization is commonplace.

The best and easiest ways to tamper-proof a worthy collective effort is by adopting scientific standards in discussions and decentralized'/democratic ways

of organization.

If your arguments are logical and based in available evidence, there isn't much anybody can do to derail the conversation. The scientific method pretty much guarantees convergence to Truth (so long as the evidence is pertinent to it). Flat hierarchies protect against single-point-of-failure scenarios.

It's not only the government that hampers progress in this topic though. Examples of perfectly great evidence being kept hidden and ultimately lost due to egotistical motivations and pure greed abound. This subject holds lectures on more than just science fiction.

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If your arguments are logical and based in available evidence, there isn't much anybody can do to derail the conversation.

I agree if it's done the right way, but to the contrary, I think this is exactly how they kept ufology down all of these years. You simply derail the conversation, hide or classify information as best as you can, promote drama and infighting, etc. Why would any government or corporation astroturf forums? It sounds absurd, but they clearly do it on a mass scale if you review the information I provided. They are doing it, so there must be a very good reason. Do you think all of the conversation on such forums is not based on logic and evidence? Some of it is, and that is precisely why they are there, IMO.

Think about how many people constantly spout that there isn't any UFO evidence. How could they have come to such a conclusion? Troves of declassified documents are available to read. Physical evidence cases have been investigated by official government bodies. Radar-visual cases are available, and so on. The name of the game is to derail the conversation for most people. I'm absolutely certain that no government is going to care if a few nerdy scholars are aware of the truth of their nefarious activities. It means nothing and has no effect. What they care about primarily is general public perception. They are going to manipulate that as they see fit.

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General public perception is driven hierarchically by perceived authority. This perception in turn is based upon faulty cultural habits and easily spoofed. It's not "canonical" in any way. Scientific ("nerdy") knowledge isn't unimportant and without effect at all.

So, while the fastest way to change public perception might be through whatever prominent celebrities are en vogue at the time, there are quite possibly much better avenues.

Scientists as authorities in knowledge are one I find to be absurdly underrepresented here and wildly misrepresented as well. The best researchers are hardly ever spoken of, instead being overshadowed by dubious figures like Weinstein, Puthoff and Co. Common people can't tell the difference between an expert in video forensics and a teenager larping as a "cgi expert". They don't know who is babbling Star Trek pseudo-science and who is actually saying profound things.

Erroneously, people also tend to "play by the rules" without ever asking who made them and why. Here on this sub, you have this stupid "Guess what my blurry video shows"-game going. Debates rotate around "Aliens can't be real, right?"

and thinking is restricted by "The scale of criminality is far too great, that can't be correct and anyway, National Security!".

In essence, somehow, the lowest common denominator in scientific understanding and conduct is elevated to the standard of discussion. Information is rarely if ever laid out in encompassing overviews and interlinking is practically nonexistent. Jamming progress firmly in place.

There are multiple avenues for obtaining high-quality scientific evidence. Those remain weirdly underexplored. Leads have an astonishing tendency to "be forgotten about", instead of being pinned down in a Wiki and tabulated. Valuable evidence should be gathered and preserved adequately, reasonably accessible for all, making it easy for newcomers to get up to speed..

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So creepy I just posted about this earlier After trying to find videos last night and reading comments realizing a chunk of these must be direct misinformation attempts down votes and removal of real sightings to keep this topic down as long as they can .. then I see this

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u/danse-macabre-haunt avatar  
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From my experience and from reading general history, the US government is a petty, cowardly beast and there is nothing they wouldn't stoop to doing in the name of their own selfish interests. That includes spending a couple million manipulating the UAP topic across twitter, reddit and other social media sites.

Richard Doty and his team are a known example. Their job was to boost UAP hoaxes and make sure that people fully believe that most sightings were real. They wanted people to not use skeptical thinking and to believe UAPs were aliens. The team spent a bunch of resources on a SINGLE PERSON (Paul Bennewitz) convincing this one person that aliens were real using props and fake transmissions.

Nowadays we can see how governments use bots. Russia for example, plays both sides using bots to masquerade as democrats and republicans espousing extremist viewpoints. The US is likely manipulating the conversation on UAPs, as u/MKULTRA\_Escapee's great post highlights. We can draw some possible conclusions from past methods:

Governments are petty. If they are fine with spending money manipulating a single person (Paul Bennewitz), they are fine spending money manipulating backwater internet forums.

Governments are likely using bots on both sides, skeptics and believers, to sow confusion and extremist views on UAPs. They will promote videos that clearly have prosaic explanations, while simultaneously downplaying government leaks.

Twitter hires experts and spends millions identifying bot accounts. It can be harder than you think to find them. If you're one of the many people on this sub going around accusing people or a specific faction of being bots, shells, agents, or part of an organized effort to silence discussion, you're helping the government's goal's of sowing chaos amongst this community.

TLDR: If you accuse other people of being bots, or break rule 1, chances are you're just unintentionally helping the government's goals. If you're not using critical/skeptical thinking, you're helping the government's mission.

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Its extremely likely. I have been on that train for a while.

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I liked your argument around astroturfing as a way to amplify existing ideas (propoganda). It is like compounded debt, boiling the frogs.

It could also feed into a 'slow violence' that walks us toward Artur C Clarks Childhoods End scenario or more likely greater DoD power and influence.

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So, this is already happening with troll farms. Of course it's possible.

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Good write up

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Always a pleasure reading one of your posts MK! This is quality content.

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there has to be tell-tale signs in the posting/account history of shills. if we can provide the sub with things to look for, shills can be spotted and blocked

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Something like this is coming down the pipe soon. Some of the users noticed some extremely peculiar things and discovered a tell, then we discovered other tells. To make a long story short, there were both "believers" and "skeptics" among this group of what we assume to be shills or bots or maybe just some mentally deranged person who has 20+ accounts. However, since it's obviously the case that such shills could be in this forum (see the post), I don't find it all that unbelievable that we detected them. It's a hard thing to prove who is specifically responsible because Reddit accounts are anonymous. Then you have to obvious problem of the number of plausible entities who could be responsible. There are like 200 governments and who knows how many corporations and who knows how many mentally deranged people out there. It'd hard to tell. Whoever it is, they got away with it.

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I have no doubt there are bot accounts sowing discord here from some bad actors. There probably is on most internet forums. But especially internet communities that file non stop FOIA's trying to uncover government secrets.

If there was a way to accurately identify a bot account that would be great. My only worry is that it would end up turning into a witch hunt and only create more discord.

The best thing to do is maybe just keep this in the back of your mind. Promote more critical thinking and awareness. Just because someone disagrees with you doesn't mean they are a government shill. A person agreeing with you could be a government shill.

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By this logic, anything that's ever happened in the past is still going on today.

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Here would be a great first step to arm ourselves against disinformation:

Everyone reads a highschool level chemistry book and entry level physics book. That would eliminate 95% of waste of time posts and comments and make it easier to identify misinformation efforts.

The cia could not be doing a better job than what is currently going on here. The good posts get buried under hundreds of Salem Witch Trials level theories.

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I think this is a tough problem to overcome and I am not sure if there is a good solution for it. Is the mod team planning anything to address the situation because I can only see it getting worse from here?

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It seems pretty obvious that the government is afraid of what's out there because they know they're (and humanity in general) inferior to anyone who can manage to get here from elsewhere, whether it be another world or a different reality. I see that fear here every day in posts made by people who sound like they're still thinking like members of the Condon Committee.

We're a primitive species but we all need to understand that it's not a crime to be primitive. No one's going to come and take our rocks and slingshots away because we don't know how to work and play well with others. If they did, Ukraine and Russia wouldn't be talking peace right now. It's been said over and over but if these UFOs and UAPs were the vanguard of a much more advanced hostile species, they'd have made a move a long time ago, before we had the power to ruin the whole planet.

I have absolutely no doubt that the shenanigans you refer to are happening here every day. For me the sad part of all of these spy games is they're such a tremendous waste of time and energy and all this subterfuge holds us back, it

doesn't move us forward as a species or help us to understand what's really going on in the universe.

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u/MKULTRA\_Escapee avatar

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I forgot to mention: The most obvious groups who could be pitted against one another to waste time on nonsense instead of focusing on common goals: skeptic versus "believer." What other groups?

Promoting drama has to play a huge role. This person said this, this person's fault needs an unnecessary amount of attention, etc.

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u/sliph0588 avatar

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Highlighting distinctions to create groups in order to pit them against each other is a classic move. As a sociologist there is a paradigm called conflict theory which basically states that groups in power will work consciously and subconsciously to maintain power. When challenges arise they respond accordingly, think about the history of labor/leftwing movements in this country. They find a way to fracture solidarity and promote infighting. It's empirical and we have literally no reason to believe it doesn't happen here.

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ExoticCard

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I take it as a fact that all social media is manipulated.

The way I see this playing out currently is that we are getting information spoonfed to us slowly from the pro-disclosure squad for easy, slow digestion.

The anti-disclosure government factions take to the internet and the media to spin it as crazy talk. They have few other cards to play with such momentum built.

It's a tug of war, even on the internet.

Alternatively, the narrative about government infighting is manufactured. The reality is a well-planned public perceptions campaign. Manipulation of social media prevents disclosure from getting ahead of itself and ensures that information is internalized properly. You really never know for sure.

Whatever you believe on the matter, I think we can all agree that something is going on. Psyop, interdimensional, aliens, whatever. Something is going on.

Just look at the subreddit growth:

<https://subredditstats.com/r/UF0s>

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This is why I actively upvote things that need visibility and downvote comments that seem suspiciously negative. They're actively suppressing in these forums, it's obvious.

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u/HandheldDevice avatar

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I have had a gut feeling this might be the case

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Like it or not so long as we use social media for anything more than sharing memes our minds are contested territory in a theatre of war.

That is the state of social media these days. Another angle for adversarial states to poke jabs at each other's stability.

And on top of it there is the consideration of domestic meddling for maintaining status quo and countering those jabs. It's just too powerful a lever to ignore.

Always, do your best to maintain your own emotional baseline when communicating online. Don't let yourself get taken for a ride on any waves.

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Loquebantur

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The ways in which to sabotage the forming and functioning of a collective endeavor like UFology are ubiquitous.

Most importantly, they need not differ from simple incompetence and are accordingly best hidden as such. Embedding skills deeply and early in a targeted organization is commonplace.

The best and easiest ways to tamper-proof a worthy collective effort is by adopting scientific standards in discussions and decentralized'/democratic ways of organization.

If your arguments are logical and based in available evidence, there isn't much anybody can do to derail the conversation. The scientific method pretty much guarantees convergence to Truth (so long as the evidence is pertinent to it). Flat hierarchies protect against single-point-of-failure scenarios.

It's not only the government that hampers progress in this topic though. Examples of perfectly great evidence being kept hidden and ultimately lost due to egotistical motivations and pure greed abound. This subject holds lectures on more than just science fiction.

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u/MKULTRA\_Escapee avatar

MKULTRA\_Escapee

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I agree if it's done the right way, but to the contrary, I think this is exactly

how they kept ufology down all of these years. You simply derail the conversation, hide or classify information as best as you can, promote drama and infighting, etc. Why would any government or corporation astroturf forums? It sounds absurd, but they clearly do it on a mass scale if you review the information I provided. They are doing it, so there must be a very good reason. Do you think all of the conversation on such forums is not based on logic and evidence? Some of it is, and that is precisely why they are there, IMO.

Think about how many people constantly spout that there isn't any UFO evidence. How could they have come to such a conclusion? Troves of declassified documents are available to read. Physical evidence cases have been investigated by official government bodies. Radar-visual cases are available, and so on. The name of the game is to derail the conversation for most people. I'm absolutely certain that no government is going to care if a few nerdy scholars are aware of the truth of their nefarious activities. It means nothing and has no effect. What they care about primarily is general public perception. They are going to manipulate that as they see fit.

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General public perception is driven hierarchically by perceived authority. This perception in turn is based upon faulty cultural habits and easily spoofed. It's not "canonical" in any way. Scientific ("nerdy") knowledge isn't unimportant and without effect at all.

So, while the fastest way to change public perception might be through whatever prominent celebrities are en vogue at the time, there are quite possibly much better avenues.

Scientists as authorities in knowledge are one I find to be absurdly underrepresented here and wildly misrepresented as well. The best researchers are hardly ever spoken of, instead being overshadowed by dubious figures like Weinstein, Puthoff and Co.

Common people can't tell the difference between an expert in video forensics and a teenager larping as a "cgi expert". They don't know who is babbling Star Trek pseudo-science and who is actually saying profound things.

Erroneously, people also tend to "play by the rules" without ever asking who made them and why. Here on this sub, you have this stupid "Guess what my blurry video shows"-game going. Debates rotate around "Aliens can't be real, right?" and thinking is restricted by "The scale of criminality is far too great, that can't be correct and anyway, National Security!".

In essence, somehow, the lowest common denominator in scientific understanding and conduct is elevated to the standard of discussion.

Information is rarely if ever laid out in encompassing overviews and interlinking is practically nonexistent. Jamming progress firmly in place.

There are multiple avenues for obtaining high-quality scientific evidence. Those remain weirdly underexplored.

Leads have an astonishing tendency to "be forgotten about", instead of being pinned down in a Wiki and tabulated.

Valuable evidence should be gathered and preserved adequately, reasonably accessible for all, making it easy for newcomers to get up to speed..

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Necrid41

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So creepy I just posted about this earlier After trying to find videos last night and reading comments realizing a chunk of these must be direct misinformation attempts down votes and removal of real sightings to keep this

topic down as long as they can .. then I see this

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u/danse-macabre-haunt avatar  
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From my experience and from reading general history, the US government is a petty, cowardly beast and there is nothing they wouldn't stoop to doing in the name of their own selfish interests. That includes spending a couple million manipulating the UAP topic across twitter, reddit and other social media sites.

Richard Doty and his team are a known example. Their job was to boost UAP hoaxes and make sure that people fully believe that most sightings were real. They wanted people to not use skeptical thinking and to believe UAPs were aliens. The team spent a bunch of resources on a SINGLE PERSON (Paul Bennewitz) convincing this one person that aliens were real using props and fake transmissions.

Nowadays we can see how governments use bots. Russia for example, plays both sides using bots to masquerade as democrats and republicans espousing extremist viewpoints. The US is likely manipulating the conversation on UAPs, as u/MKULTRA\_Escapee's great post highlights. We can draw some possible conclusions from past methods:

Governments are petty. If they are fine with spending money manipulating a single person (Paul Bennewitz), they are fine spending money manipulating backwater internet forums.

Governments are likely using bots on both sides, skeptics and believers, to sow confusion and extremist views on UAPs. They will promote videos that clearly have prosaic explanations, while simultaneously downplaying government leaks.

Twitter hires experts and spends millions identifying bot accounts. It can be harder than you think to find them. If you're one of the many people on this sub going around accusing people or a specific faction of being bots, shills, agents, or part of an organized effort to silence discussion, you're helping the government's goal's of sowing chaos amongst this community.

TLDR: If you accuse other people of being bots, or break rule 1, chances are you're just unintentionally helping the government's goals. If you're not using critical/skeptical thinking, you're helping the government's mission.

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mcdeeeeezy

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Its extremely likely. I have been on that train for a while.

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u/Groundbreaking\_Fig10 avatar  
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I liked your argument around astroturfing as a way to amplify existing ideas (propoganda). It is like compounded debt, boiling the frogs.

It could also feed into a 'slow violence' that walks us toward Artur C Clarks Childhoods End scenario or more likely greater DoD power and influence.

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So, this is already happening with troll farms. Of course it's possible.

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Good write up

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Always a pleasure reading one of your posts MK! This is quality content.

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u/MKULTRA\_Escapee avatar  
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3y ago  
Something like this is coming down the pipe soon. Some of the users noticed some extremely peculiar things and discovered a tell, then we discovered other tells. To make a long story short, there were both "believers" and "skeptics" among this group of what we assume to be shills or bots or maybe just some mentally deranged person who has 20+ accounts. However, since it's obviously the case that such shills could be in this forum (see the post), I don't find it all that unbelievable that we detected them. It's a hard thing to prove who is specifically responsible because Reddit accounts are anonymous. Then you have to obvious problem of the number of plausible entities who could be responsible. There are like 200 governments and who knows how many corporations and who knows how many mentally deranged people out there. It'd hard to tell. Whoever it is, they got away with it.

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u/dlm863 avatar  
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3y ago  
I have no doubt there are bot accounts sowing discord here from some bad actors. There probably is on most internet forums. But especially internet communities that file non stop FOIA's trying to uncover government secrets.

If there was a way to accurately identify a bot account that would be great. My only worry is that it would end up turning into a witch hunt and only create more discord.

The best thing to do is maybe just keep this in the back of your mind. Promote more critical thinking and awareness. Just because someone disagrees with you doesn't mean they are a government shill. A person agreeing with you could be a government shill.

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u/EthanSayfo avatar  
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By this logic, anything that's ever happened in the past is still going on today.

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u/Slow\_Relative\_975 avatar  
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Here would be a great first step to arm ourselves against disinformation:

Everyone reads a highschool level chemistry book and entry level physics book. That would eliminate 95% of waste of time posts and comments and make it easier to identify misinformation efforts.

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I'm sure there are a few aliens on this site. Probably some of the debunkers.

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I'm sure when Snowden leaks happened there was a slideshow about MI6 media manipulation programs - which said they use UFO forums to practice trolling techniques. Can't find the article now but it's believable to me.

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Send me the link if you find it. People used to doubt governments do this to forums at all, then we got proof. Then people doubted governments have an interest in Reddit. That was proven. But people can still deny that governments mess with ufo forums specifically. It will be doubted right up until proof is available.

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imnotabot303

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Why is that whenever this comes up everyone immediately uses the logic that it would be manipulated to hide or discredit UFO information.

It can just as easily be the opposite, in that they are manipulating people to believe some UFOs might be extraordinary.

If they are trying to manipulate it to cover up things they are doing an extremely poor job of it.

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Are you talking the possibility of government involvement? In that case, it's most likely going to be downplaying UFOs as they've done many times in the past. The Richard Doty situation was just an outlier, and to be honest, it's hard to trust a guy who says he was literally a disinformation agent. You can't trust anything he says after that. The government does not officially generally play up UFOs. They play them down. The only people in government playing them up are those speaking unofficially as whistleblowers or leakers.

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Well, yea. The UFO coverup is very obvious and has overwhelming evidence. Absolutely. The government did a horrible job of covering up mass surveillance as well. Government incompetence and all of that. They can't stop the leaks because the more people you involve, the more leaks. It's just a simple fact of how things will play out with large groups. There were 1,500 leaks during the Manhattan project for example. However, governments can control public perception to a degree, and control publicity in many cases, and even smoking gun evidence by simply confiscating it. That is how they kept a lid on this for

so long.

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OP overestimated the competence of governments for cover-ups. In reality, people are simply not disciplined enough to orchestrate such widespread lies.

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To the contrary, the UFO coverup has been extremely incompetent. A surprising amount of evidence exists for a UFO coverup. It's one of the leakiest things I can think of at the moment. Hundreds of UFO whistleblowers and leakers can be found going back 70 years.

And coverups do happen all the time. I put like a hundred examples of conspiracies here. Sometimes they are international in scope, lasting decades before being exposed. Sometimes leaks happen well before they are exposed, such as in the case of NSA mass surveillance. It was clear this conspiracy was real over a decade before Snowden leaked troves of proof, and that's because of whistleblowers. This information was on 60 Minutes in the year 2000, and whistleblowers kept coming after that. It's the same thing with UFOs.

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This is a fact that has been demonstrated over and over. It is simply not possible for you to disagree with this.

Great way to start off a conversation. Makes people really want to engage with you.

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So did you stop right there or did you read the rest of the post and look also at the provided links?

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Ataraxic\_Animator

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His statement was factual. Overstated, perhaps, but there's no accounting for (rhetorical) taste.

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I'd like to see a matrix of upvoting/downvoting correlation between accounts that interact on the same comments in lockstep. Is this data available to mods? E.g., these two accounts upvote/downvote the same comments X% of the time.

Put that on a curve and flag all accounts that are over a certain threshold. Once those suspicious accounts are identified, it would be possible to root out the entire operation by looking at which accounts interact with those.

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social media is an extremely potent tool to spread disinfo and manipulate the narrative and people. richard doty talks about it on fade to black. highly recommend this episode.

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It's Sunday afternoon, and I'm staring at a picture of a tanned woman in a swimsuit that doesn't quite cover her nipples. This is an unexpected twist in my quest to track down and understand the daily challenges faced by the people who moderate spam on Twitter. But I'm not focusing on the picture. Instead my eye is drawn to the comment below. Here, another user has written, "Follow for follow."

The comment has been sent to me by John, not his real name, who works on Twitter's secretive "spam project." According to him, if I were part of that team, my job would be to look at comments like this one and decide whether this account genuinely wants the woman in the swimsuit to follow them back, or whether they are trying to manipulate Twitter's system and should be labeled as spam.

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If bots are apparently easy to spot on Twitter, the people the social network employs to shut them down are not. In all, finding Twitter's secretive bot squad takes me two months and dozens of interviews with people living in six countries across three different continents. I would read hundreds of pages of legal documents, run into a series of dead ends, and get stonewalled by more people than I care to count.

I start my search for Twitter's bot team in France. I know that four NGOs there have recently taken Twitter to court to try and force the company to reveal how

it polices hate speech, its budget for moderation, and the number of moderators in the French team. In January, a court agreed with the NGOs and ordered Twitter to hand over the documents.

In August, I get in touch, optimistically thinking Twitter must have turned over the documents by now, cutting short my search. But when I reach the NGOs involved in the case, they claim the platform has ignored the court. "To this day, we have seen nothing from Twitter," says David Malazoué, president of SOS Homophobia, one of the four groups involved in the trial. There is a feeling in France that Twitter has not been dedicating enough resources to effectively moderate hate speech posted by both human and spam accounts—but the NGOs can't prove it. Most of Twitter's European operations are run out of the Irish capital Dublin, which is beyond France's reach, Malazoué explains. "So we're kind of stuck." Twitter declines to comment on the case.

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I turn my attention to Dublin, where I find Fabian (not his real name), a former moderator who, until earlier this year, worked for Twitter via the outsourcing company CPL. Unlike another moderator I've spoken to who worked for Twitter, he remembers seeing accounts the company had internally labeled as "suspicious." He doesn't know who—or what—labeled those tweets. "I guess the system used to do it," he told me. "Or maybe there is a team dedicated to it." Talking to him, I'm sure that someone, somewhere, is moderating Twitter bots and that this effort is new, starting only in the past few years.

Another clue arrives in late August, while I'm on summer vacation. Peiter Zatko (or Mudge), Twitter's former head of security, has decided to turn whistleblower and submit a report he commissioned from an independent company to US Congress. The document names the internal Twitter teams in charge of spam and other attempts to "manipulate" the platform at the time—one is called Site Integrity, the other Health and Twitter Services (two teams which Twitter has since merged). Another line in the report jumps out. It reads: "Content moderation is outsourced to vendors, most of whom are located in Manila."

Twitter has long used outsourcing firms to hire people in the Philippines to remove violence and sexual abuse material from the site. But could they be moderating spam too? In the industry, there are the big, recognizable names such as Accenture and Cognizant. But there are the lesser-known companies too, such as Texas-based TaskUs. Eventually I come across a company I haven't heard of: a New Jersey-based business called Innodata. And for the first time, I start hearing the job description "spam moderator."

I speak to one Innodata employee who confirms the company is moderating spam for Twitter, although he has been working on another team. Another says he has been involved in "categorizing" fake accounts, some of them masquerading as famous sports teams. Both ask that their names and locations not be published for fear

of losing their jobs. According to a recent job posting, Innodata has around 4,000 employees in Canada, Germany, India, Israel, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, the United States and the United Kingdom.

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By searching specifically for moderators at Innodata, I finally find John, the employee who shares the picture of the woman in the swimsuit. He explains there are 33 full-time staff moderating spam for Twitter and more than 50 freelancers. He believes Innodata didn't start moderating spam until March 2021.

Every day, John says he looks at up to 600 Twitter posts and accounts in a third-party app called Appen, before flagging them either as "spam" or "safe." (Appen is an Australian company that uses a global workforce to train artificial intelligence used by major technology firms.) The majority of John's team are based in either India or the Philippines, he says. He believes the tweets he's sent are selected by artificial intelligence trained to look for Twitter spam before they are sent on to a team of human moderators.

For each tweet he is sent, John is asked two questions by Appen: "Would you consider the above tweet to be content spam?" and "Would you consider the user account to be violating content spam policy?" He marks a post as spam if it falls into one of nine categories: Is it advertising counterfeit products, unauthorized pharmaceuticals, or trying to buy or sell user profiles for services such as Netflix? Is it trying to phish or scam others, sharing suspicious links or making unrelated replies to a conversation thread?

Tweets are also marked as spam if they are considered to be mention spam (where a tweet tags multiple people), hashtag spam (where a tweet features hashtags that don't relate to its content) or follow spam (where accounts promise "follow for follow").

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If tweets don't load properly, are in a foreign language that he is not able to translate, or are explicit, but don't count as content spam, an "exclusion" applies and John does not mark the post as spam.

The work is hard, John says. Looking at pornographic and violent content for hours each day takes its toll on his team's mental health. Innodata does not provide mental health or counseling support to its employees, he claims. The company does not respond to WIRED's request for comment.

Despite working long shifts on the frontline of Twitter's fight against spam, John does not believe the social network is doing enough to tackle its bot problem. He often checks back to see whether Twitter has taken down the accounts he marks as spam only to find that many are still operating. "Twitter suspends only a handful of spam accounts from the platform," he says. One example he shares of a post he believes to be spam that was not removed is the account that posted "follow for follow" under the picture of the woman in the swimsuit. Twitter has previously said it suspends over half a million spam accounts every day.

Twitter does not dispute its connection to Innodata moderators, but the company implies it is part of a wider effort to crack down on spam and bots. "Our work to combat spam and other types of platform manipulation on Twitter is multifaceted and exists on a continuum," says Rebecca Hahn, Twitter's new vice president of global communications, adding that Twitter uses "a number of public and internal signals, systems, and reviews to address spam on the platform."

After speaking with all these people, it's still unclear whether I have found the Twitter bot team or one of many, and whether these people are actually moderating content or training an AI to do it on Twitter's behalf. Before finding the bot team, I ask Twitter what the team that moderates bots is called and where its members are based. The company declines to answer. I also ask for an interview with Ella Irwin, who leads the new team responsible for spam in San Francisco, and the company declines.

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But John helps me uncover how Twitter defines a spam bot, revealing how Twitter's approach to moderating spam is similar to how it treats other types of

content. Earlier in my search, content moderators in Dublin tell me Twitter is cautious when it comes to takedowns—preferring to leave content up if it can. One former Twitter moderator, who used to work on hate speech, recalls how “terrible things” were allowed to stay on the platform as long as they didn’t explicitly target a particular group of people. After all, this is the social media company that once called itself “the free speech wing of the free speech party.” John’s realization that not all the content he identifies as spam is taken down suggests similar caution is applied to the way the company moderates spam today. Although some might find the free speech argument for spam bots less convincing.

On October 17, Musk and Twitter will take the spam bot debate to court. In the meantime, the account that replied to the picture of the woman in the swimsuit continues retweeting posts in Czech, English, Spanish, and Dutch while commenting with the same three words over and over: “Follow for follow.”

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"The US can and has historically used disinfo on the UFO topic to cover up classified aircraft tech, and to map out lines of information flow between civilians, spies and leadership and policy change of foreign adversaries."

How much do you have on this? I'm just trying to figure out how big this "disinfo operation" was because there is a lot of information that contradicts this. Take Doty out of the equation because a person who admits to being a disinformation agent who lied to the American people is by definition not credible. How many times have they done this, which agencies, etc? The US government's overall policy was to downplay and explain away UFOs, even when

their aircraft were alleged to have been "UFOs."

This is the CIA's proposal and reasoning, starting in 1953, for downplaying UFOs-- they wanted to prevent hysteria and clogging of channels:

After a closed-door session with a scientific advisory panel chaired by H.P. Robertson from the California Institute of Technology, the C.I.A. issued a secret report recommending a broad educational program for all intelligence agencies, with the aim of "training and debunking."

Training meant more public education on how to identify known objects in the sky. "The use of true cases showing first the 'mystery' and then the 'explanation' would be forceful," the report said. Debunking "would be accomplished by mass media such as television, motion pictures, and popular articles."

That plan involved using psychologists, advertising experts, amateur astronomers and even Disney cartoons to create propaganda to reduce public interest. And civilian U.F.O. groups should be "watched," the report stated, because of their "great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur."  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/15/arts/television/project-blue-book-history-true-story.html> (archive of article here)

Here is the 1955 Bluebook 14 press release where the government admits they will soon be developing saucer-shaped aircraft (AVRO): <https://imgur.com/a/82GLY6r>  
Why not just make the public think such things are aliens? They were trying to do the opposite--making you think such objects are secret military aircraft to prevent public panic in case of a sighting of a flying saucer.

And in 1960, the Brookings Institution Report as reported by The New York Times, Thursday, December 15, 1960:

Mankind is warned to Prepare for Discovery of Life in Space - Brookings Institution Report Says Earth's Civilization Might Topple if faced by a Race of Superior Beings

Washington. Dec 14 (UPI) -- Discovery of life on other worlds could cause the earth's civilization to collapse, a Federal report said today.

This warning was contained in a research report given to the National Aeronautical and Space Administration with the recommendation that the world prepare itself mentally for the eventuality.

The report, prepared by the Brookings Institution, said "while the discovery of intelligent life in other parts of the universe is not likely in the immediate future, it could nevertheless, happen at any time." Discovery of Intelligent beings on other planets could lead to an all-out effort by earth to contact them, or it could lead to sweeping changes or even the downfall of civilization, the report said.

Even on earth, it added, "societies sure of their own place have disintegrated when confronted by a superior society, and others have survived even though changed."

Here, published in 1997, the CIA says the government downplayed sightings of secret aircraft as temperature inversions and ice crystals, not alien spaceships, in order to allay public fears, from ~1955 through the 60s:

Rather than acknowledging the existence of the top-secret [U-2 and SR-71] flights or saying nothing about them publicly, the Air Force decided to put out false cover stories, the C.I.A. study says. For instance, unusual observations that were actually spy flights were attributed to atmospheric phenomena like ice crystals and temperature inversions.

'Over half of all U.F.O. reports from the late 1950's through the 1960's were accounted for by manned reconnaissance flights' over the United States, the C.I.A. study says. 'This led the Air Force to make misleading and deceptive statements to the public in order to allay public fears and to protect an extraordinarily sensitive national security project.'

<https://www.nytimes.com/1997/08/03/us/cia-admits-government-lied-about-ufo-sightings.html> (archive of article here)

They reiterated this again in a misleading 2014 tweet on the CIA twitter account. "Remember reports of unusual activity in the skies in the '50s? That was us." <https://twitter.com/CIA/status/484429844777037824>

Testimony from J. Allen Hynek suggested that the goal was to prevent the public from getting excited (in other words, not to encourage ideas of alien spaceships):

But for cases that were very difficult to explain, do everything you can to keep the media away from it. Bluebook had a job to do, rightly or wrongly, to keep the public from getting excited: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pyDVR2B14dw>

So we have a lot of arrows pointing solidly in the opposite direction. The government has been routinely discouraging the idea that sightings of flying objects are UFOs/aliens. So my question is what other documentation do you have to contradict this, which agencies, for how long, etc?

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The following submission statement was provided by u/Suspicious\_Tie6137:

The Government said it can't release UFO footage because it would release too much information about their systems. I took that pic from a MSM news clip on the Nordstream explosion. They had no problem releasing that footage with blurred out information. Why not the same with UFO footage?

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scairborn

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To begin with, those were danish jets.

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u/baeh2158 avatar

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The numbers are actually extremely useful. I'd much rather footage have the data than be blurred out, to be honest. It's critical for understanding incidents and an accurate depiction of what is happening. You wouldn't be able to have a lot of the analysis of GIMBAL and GOFAST and so on without them.

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u/FlaSnatch avatar

FlaSnatch

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3y ago

This is not an apples to apples comparison. We don't need high end tracking systems to know a pipeline was sabotaged. However we may utilize highly advanced and secret systems to track UFOs

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usetehfurce

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3y ago

It's not necessarily that type of camera in use.. :)

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awwnuts

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3y ago

I think that goes right over some peoples heads.

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machine3lf

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3y ago

This is a rhetorical question right? 😊

I never bought that that was the reason they didn't want to show other videos.

They just didn't want to show other videos and had to come up with a reason since we all knew there were other videos.

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mictlanian

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3y ago

Also does anyone remember when Donald trump showed the media a classified satellite photo of an Iranian launch site. Experts were amazed because they never saw such a detailed picture taken from space. Military and intelligence were super pissed because, not only could you see the capability of the satellite, but people could also figure out the orbit of the satellite and probably identify which satellite from the angle of the view. That was probably the first and last photo from classified technology released to the public.

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u/pablumatic avatar

pablumatic

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The military used to offer bad debunking on every bit of information that slipped by them or simply ignore it. Now they're saying "security reasons." Its a step up from the usual lying, but that's all we're gonna get until something else leaks.

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Skeptechology

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3y ago  
Maybe because if we got clear footage of UFO, it wouldn't be a UFO anymore...  
just a thought...

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3y ago  
i suspect its because the kind of data that can be blurred out isn't really what  
they're worried about. they're worried about the social upheaval that could come  
from releasing shocking vids

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Fit-Recommendation-3

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I think it's not just the numbers on the screen..... It's how detailed the image  
is, at what frame rate, and in what spectrum (IR, UV).

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But like I posted, they have no problem with the Nordstream images

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different aircrafts couldve been used

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the instrumentation used for this is probably not classified

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TinFoilHatDude

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You ask a very pertinent question. The most simple answer is that they can

absolutely release old videos and photos, but they simply choose not to. Better still, most UFO enthusiasts are now convinced releasing still images and videos from even the 70s and 80s will cause irrevocable harm to the US. The apologists come out in full force the moment you pose this question. Apparently, our enemies have simply no idea about our imaging and sensor capabilities. As if countries do not snoop on each other and try to extract top-secret information by any method possible. As if spies do not exist. As if things do not get leaked all the time.

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u/EthanSayfo avatar

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I think it's probably more like they don't want to definitively confirm that flying saucers and the like are absolutely real. Keeping things more vague is deemed as being useful at the moment, it would seem.

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MindBodySoul1984

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Because we get it raw, no vaseline.

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Kruhl14

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The part about releasing too much info about the tech they used to track/record the UAPs is just another BS cover story. Does anyone really believe that they can't filter identifying information and clues out of the video files? Of course they can! Everything they have can be edited in a way to prevent any secrets from being shared. They just want the whole conversations to go away so that they can continue doing the same old stonewalling they've been doing for the last 70+ years.

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Hobbit\_Feet45

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100% they could release the stuff from 80's 90's 2000's without risking exposing our current technology but they won't, because that's not the reason this topic is the most highly classified topic in our country..

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The Government said it can't release UFO footage because it would release too much information about their systems. I took that pic from a MSM news clip on the Nordstream explosion. They had no problem releasing that footage with blurred out information. Why not the same with UFO footage?

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[-]Slipstick\_hog 22 points 3 years ago

I think it is because there is a cover up of the content, going on for decades. Pentagon and US military have no problem publishing bragging videos of precision bombing etc, using the same sensors, they are all over the internet. They dont want us to see the damn UFOs are real and the excuse that they dont want to share sensor info is a just bullshit, It is unbelievable how people can buy it. As you said that can be redacted and there are only video or IR left.

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Or when they released footage of the riot shooting that they happen to be watching....from a space camera

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[–]GortKlaatu\_ 8 points 3 years ago\*

Wow, I didn't realize the footage was from the new F-18 targeting pods.

... oh wait.

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[–]Dads\_going\_for\_milk 4 points 3 years ago

I mean let's be honest. It has nothing at all to do with targeting pods. If even the shapes of ufos are classified, they aren't going to release any videos. I hate it, but it is what it is. It has nothing to do with what the ufo is filmed on.

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[–]GortKlaatu\_ 7 points 3 years ago

If the shape gives away a prototype craft and it's disclosed before investigators know that it was a prototype craft then that gives away secrets with potential national security implications. Especially diamond, triangular shapes, or pill shapes.

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[–]Mr\_E\_Monkey 8 points 3 years ago

Reading between the lines, if even edited, blurred out footage of UFOs would release "too much information about their systems," then maybe the video isn't the system they're referring to...

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Maybe, but the world doesn't know the Government doesn't have 4k high definition, or better, systems and cameras?

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[–]Mr\_E\_Monkey 6 points 3 years ago

That's not what I meant at all. I think it's pretty safe to assume that military/government surveillance equipment is insanely good.

The Government said it can't release UFO footage because it would release too much information about their systems.

One thing that is kind of interesting is that oftentimes, the intelligence source/method of collection is more highly classified than the intelligence collected by that system. For a simple example, say we were getting really good intel on Putin, and using it to rattle his cage. It probably wouldn't take too long for him to find out that we had information, and were using it against him. However, if he found out that we were getting that intel from his driver...well,

he'd end up with a new driver and we would lose the ability to collect that intelligence.

Applying it to video, it could be that some of the UAPs are being observed while we are spying on Chinese ships, or flying over somebody else's airspace...and they might have no idea we are doing that, but if the video was released, and some Iranian general looks at it and "hey, that's my house," or something along those lines, they can identify that we have been exploiting a gap in their defenses, and they may be able to tighten it up, or figure out how to detect our surveillance systems, and then we lose an ability to collect certain information.

Anyway, I think their excuse is either going to be something along those lines, or that one of their cameras got a good look at some US Air Force insignia on the side of one of these UAPs, and that's the system they don't want to give "too much information" about... (Probably the former, rather than the latter, I think, but who knows. Not me, at any rate!)

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Because real truth about ufo wont make your grandma and her priest happy. Its true, but they already went to far keeping it secret and labeling people as mentally ill who says they saw it.

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[-]Redditry103 2 points 3 years ago

You forget that sometimes showing videos already shows a capability which a military would like to keep a secret. Also a video could show an area which a military doesn't want others to know they were in. There's plenty of reasons honestly and that's why videos usually surface when there's a geopolitical gain to do so.

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Because it's not UFO footage. So hard to get it?

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The blurring is totally dependent on the sensor. In this case, the sensor might be able to capture detailed data at a distance that is still classified. I used to work with MX-15's and I still can't talk about the capes of that sensor. Blurring doesn't mean nefarious, it just means your looking through a newer sensor.

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There are two main, separate UFO phenomena that exist independently of one another. 1) Secret military aircraft, and 2) apparently highly technologically advanced aerial objects that outperform even our secret military aircraft.

In 1997, the CIA openly admitted that they lied about UFOs and spread propaganda to debunk UFO sightings, although they only admitted to covering up secret military aircraft. If the CIA admitted to covering up one of these, would a reasonable person believe that they wouldn't also cover up the other?

Pay close attention to the timeline here, the most important factor that reveals what was going on.

[Edit: I should have began with this:

According to Senator Barry Goldwater, UFO information (or at least some portion of it) is classified "Above Top Secret." According to a then Top Secret 1950 memo, the Canadian Project Magnet head (of a UFO program) Wilbert B. Smith was informed that "the matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States government, rating higher even than the H-bomb."



According to a January 31, 1949 FBI memorandum to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover from the FBI San Antonio field office:

"This matter is considered Top Secret by Intelligence Officers of both the Army and the Air Forces."]

The fact of the UFO coverup:

Rather than acknowledging the existence of the top-secret [U-2 and SR-71] flights or saying nothing about them publicly, the Air Force decided to put out false cover stories, the C.I.A. study says. For instance, unusual observations that were actually spy flights were attributed to atmospheric phenomena like ice crystals and temperature inversions.

'Over half of all U.F.O. reports from the late 1950's through the 1960's were accounted for by manned reconnaissance flights' over the United States, the C.I.A. study says. 'This led the Air Force to make misleading and deceptive statements to the public in order to allay public fears and to protect an extraordinarily sensitive national security project.'

<https://www.nytimes.com/1997/08/03/us/cia-admits-government-lied-about-ufo-sightings.html> (archive of article here)

They reiterated this again in a misleading 2014 tweet on the CIA twitter account. "Remember reports of unusual activity in the skies in the '50s? That was us." <https://twitter.com/CIA/status/484429844777037824>

NOTE: The claim that "half of UFOs were spy flights" is clearly not true. Not only is that claim preposterous, it has also been debunked: [https://np.reddit.com/user/MKULTRA\\_Escapee/comments/1bqayw0/metabunk\\_looks\\_at\\_the\\_claim\\_half\\_of\\_ufos\\_in\\_the/](https://np.reddit.com/user/MKULTRA_Escapee/comments/1bqayw0/metabunk_looks_at_the_claim_half_of_ufos_in_the/) This means that the Air Force's deliberately false explanations for UFOs were not plausibly justified in order to cover up U-2 flights. Therefore, they were just covering up UFOs.

The Robertson Panel Report lays out a very well-thought out coverup plan of UFOs in 1953, several years before the first flight of the U-2 anyway:

After a closed-door session with a scientific advisory panel chaired by H.P. Robertson from the California Institute of Technology, the C.I.A. issued a secret report recommending a broad educational program for all intelligence agencies, with the aim of "training and debunking."

Training meant more public education on how to identify known objects in the sky. "The use of true cases showing first the 'mystery' and then the 'explanation' would be forceful," the report said. Debunking "would be accomplished by mass media such as television, motion pictures, and popular articles."

That plan involved using psychologists, advertising experts, amateur astronomers and even Disney cartoons to create propaganda to reduce public interest. And civilian U.F.O. groups should be "watched," the report stated, because of their "great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/15/arts/television/project-blue-book-history-true-story.html> (archive of article here)

One criticism of this document is that it was merely a plan, not an admission of that plan in practice, but as you can see from the 1997 "CIA Study," it clearly was put into practice, but there is other supporting evidence of that. For example, I would highly recommend reviewing this 1979 New York Times article, which was based on then recently released documents through FOIA back when the act had teeth. Some excerpts:

Despite official pronouncements for decades that U.F.O.'s were nothing more than misidentified aerial objects and as such were no cause for alarm, recently

declassified U.F.O. records from the C.I.A., the F.B.I. and other Federal agencies indicate that, ever since U.F.O.'s made their appearance in our skies in the 1940's, the phenomenon has aroused much serious behind-the-scenes concern in official circles.

Even the possibility that these unknowns could be evidence of extraterrestrial visitations has been given serious attention in Government circles.

But it is the C.I.A. that appears to have played the key role in the controversy, and may even be responsible for the Government's conduct in U.F.O. investigations throughout the years.

As the cold war gave rise to the fears of the McCarthy era, official concern over U.F.O.'s even led to the surveillance of several private U.F.O. organizations (as many of their members have long insisted) and to the scrutiny of dozens of individuals suspected of subversive U.F.O. activities.  
<https://www.nytimes.com/1979/10/14/archives/ufo-files-the-untold-story.html>  
(archive of article here)

If you're familiar with UFO history, you'd see how absurd it is to take the CIA's "it was just our aircraft" narrative seriously. The U-2 was flying from 1955 onward, and the SR-71 in the 60s. What about the first half of the 50s, almost the entire decade of the 1940s (foo fighters, etc), and all of the sightings going back millennia? Some choice examples of historical UFO sightings here:

[https://np.reddit.com/r/HighStrangeness/comments/14i2ztm/ufo\\_shapes\\_changed\\_over\\_time\\_seems\\_to\\_be\\_a\\_myth/](https://np.reddit.com/r/HighStrangeness/comments/14i2ztm/ufo_shapes_changed_over_time_seems_to_be_a_myth/) In one example, we now know that a mass sighting of a "dull, silvery disk" was witnessed in 1917, way before the modern flying saucer/UFO era, which began 30 years later, but many such sightings have occurred throughout history.

It should be noted that in a memo in 1947, General Nathan Twining wrote to Brig. General George Schulgen:

It is the opinion that:

"The phenomenon is something real and not visionary or fictitious."

"The reported operating characteristics such as extreme rates of climb, maneuverability (particularly in roll), and action which must be considered evasive when sighted ... lend belief to the possibility that some of the objects are controlled either manually, automatically, or remotely."

e. The apparent common description is as follows: (1) Metallic or light reflecting surface. (2) Absence of trail, except in a few instances where the object apparently was operating under high performance conditions. (3) Circular or elliptical in shape, flat on bottom and domed on top.

<https://archive.org/details/twinning-memo/mode/2up>

Note: Detractors will claim that Kenneth Arnold didn't actually see discs, suggesting that the entire flying saucer phenomenon was caused by "media hysteria," therefore the above document drew incorrect conclusions. However, Kenneth Arnold did appear to see flying discs (or 95 percent discs) going by his original statements, audio interview, and his original drawing he made for the Army. But since his story changed over time, people select the claims he made years later as being more accurate, even though memory fades over time, not the opposite.

Supplementary material further establishing the UFO coverup:

In a 1960 letter to Congress, Vice Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, who was first Director of the CIA (1947-1950), stated:

"Behind the scenes, high-ranking Air Force officers are soberly concerned about

UFOs. But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense. To hide the facts, the Air Force has silenced its personnel." Full New York Times article: <https://imgur.com/a/ljgfJyx> (Paywalled link: <https://www.nytimes.com/1960/02/28/archives/air-forge-order-on-saucers-cited-pamphlet-by-the-inspector-general.html>)

If anyone was in a position to know what was really going on in the late 1940s, it was him.

Former Bluebook chief Edward Ruppelt was the first to reveal the existence and a summary of the proceedings and conclusions of the Robertson Panel Report in his 1956 book. The report was released years later. He also revealed several other then secret documents, including the 1948 Estimate of the Situation, which stated that the extraterrestrial hypothesis was the best explanation for flying saucers. This estimate was sent up the chain of command and subsequently destroyed, never to see the light of day.

Ruppelt also stated:

...It was the typical negative approach. I know that the negative approach is typical of the way that material is handed out by the Air Force because I was continually being told to "tell them about the sighting reports we've solved—don't mention the unknowns." I was never ordered to tell this, but it was a strong suggestion and in the military when higher headquarters suggests, you do. -The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects, by Edward J. Ruppelt, Air Force Director of Project Grudge and Blue Book [1956] - Chapter 5, page 62.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek (who later believed UFOs were non-human technology) was a government UFO debunker and scientific advisor to UFO studies from 1947-1969 (Sign, Grudge, and Bluebook). He later came clean about his involvement in the UFO coverup, stating Bluebook was told not to get the public excited, "don't rock the boat." Whenever a case came up that they could explain, let that out to the media/public. But for cases that were very difficult to explain, do everything you can to keep the media away from it. Bluebook had a job to do, rightly or wrongly, to keep the public from getting excited: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pyDVR2B14dw> After learning of the Bolender memo, Hynek remarked that "he felt very used."

According to the Bolender memo, any UFO reports which could affect national security went into a separate system from the public "Project Blue Book." There was a coverup within the coverup. Even those people responsible for studying UFOs and covering them up were themselves victims to yet another coverup. [https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/urxzi5/stanton\\_friedman\\_on\\_usaf\\_brigadier\\_general/](https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/urxzi5/stanton_friedman_on_usaf_brigadier_general/)

Similar statements about UFO reports bypassing the BB system were made in AF documents going back to 1958-61, when similar efforts to justify closure of BB were made then. In an interview on March 16, 2000, retired BB chief Col. Robert J. Friend told me that he knew there were classified intelligence channels for reporting UFO's that completely bypassed BB and he knew of specific UFO cases involving classified sensor systems that were reported that way and never went to him at BB. UFO's were reported to the AF operational commands in accordance the AF's Operational Reporting system, AFOPREP, under AF Manual 55-11 of 1965 and predecessors, and this supplanted the UFO reporting directives that had sent UFO reports to BB. [http://www.nicap.org/waves/bolender\\_memo3.htm](http://www.nicap.org/waves/bolender_memo3.htm)

Here is Colonel William T. Coleman and Colonel Friend on the history of Blue Book and the mysterious disappearance from Bluebook of good UFO reports. Colonel Coleman states that while flying, he himself was basically "right on top" of a UFO, a "run of the mill flying saucer," but when he went looking for his report in the Bluebook files, it was nowhere to be found: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6kjhZKnt8w>

Note that the government claimed in 1969 they were no longer interested in studying and collecting information on UFOs. The above declassified Bolender memo proves that false.

From 1952 to 1954 (press release available one year later), Bluebook commissioned the Battelle Memorial Institute to analyze 3,200 UFO reports. This was known as Project Bluebook Special Report 14. They concluded that over 20 percent of the thousands of cases they looked at could not be identified after attempts to debunk them. The higher the quality of case, the more likely it could not be explained. A full third of the cases in the "excellent" category could not be identified. However, a fact such as this was detrimental to what they were trying to accomplish, so in 1955, the government put out a misleading press release on the study that only 3 percent of reports were unknowns, and the report itself wasn't available for many years. In the press release, they further claimed that if they had more information, that 3 percent would probably disappear, but this is directly contradicted by the findings of the report itself. The better the information and witnesses, the less likely they could explain the case. Why lie about it?

Actual conclusions of the report: of all cases, 22 percent were unknowns. 42 percent explained with certainty. 27 percent doubtfully explained. 9 percent insufficient information to make a determination.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project\\_Blue\\_Book#Project\\_Blue\\_Book\\_Special\\_Report\\_No.\\_14](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_Blue_Book#Project_Blue_Book_Special_Report_No._14)

The original press release can be seen here, Oct 25, 1955:

<https://imgur.com/a/82GLY6r> Source here, page 43:

[http://www.cufos.org/books/Air\\_Force\\_Project\\_Blue\\_Book\\_Special\\_Report\\_14R.pdf](http://www.cufos.org/books/Air_Force_Project_Blue_Book_Special_Report_14R.pdf)

Remember that the U-2 didn't even fly until after Bluebook 14 was completed. So what was flying around up there?

Edit: accuracy.

Edit 2: added information on Goldwater, Smith, and an FBI memo. Fixed links.

Edit 3: Updated several links, and a couple other edits to wording.

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The way they try claiming the U2 & SR 71 explains away most sightings is bs. I think it's a possibility that Kelly Johnson, & Lockheed development of those

specific aircraft was a result of studying UFOs. Here Kelly Johnson himself talking about a UFO sighting & bringing in the USAF to study this. I think alot of these guys got very wealthy from reverse engineering tech from these craft is partly responsible for all the secrecy. Not public outrage, national security, greed. Pretty much EVERY Aerospace company was secretly involved in this research, especially Lockheed. Also hilarious that the CIA contracted McDonnell Douglas in '70, to mimic UFOs. Project Skylite it was called

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I tend to agree with that assessment for the simple fact that another civilization would likely be millions, perhaps billions of years more advanced. Reverse engineering that would be akin to a caveman trying to reverse engineer an iPhone. It's going to take hundreds or thousands of years at the very least, if not longer, before we have real success overall, but there probably has been a small amount of progress in certain areas, maybe like with metamaterials.

Eric Davis is also on audio talking about this here: <https://youtu.be/x4-JfM4rkRY>

Ross Coulthart, formerly of 60 Minutes Australia, has his own sources, including Nat Kobitz, the "chief geek for the US Navy" who admitted he was read into a UFO crash retrieval program, personally studied such highly technologically advanced debris, and was briefed that there were bodies. Kobitz stated "I could not

explain what it was. Those metals were bonded at the atomic level."  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sBE2pfPdlo> Coulthart also says he has spoken to over 20 sources who are aware of an attempt by the US to back-engineer such technology, and all of those people claim there was no real success. Because of this, Coulthart says he is "absolutely certain that the United States has recovered non-human technology."

And of course Leonard Stringfield, who had like 50 sources, which he covered in his books.

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Oh yea, I believe that for the most part they haven't quite cracked the code, but it's pretty obvious they know how things work at the very least. Ben Rich has alluded to this, Dr Robert Woods, Dir of McDonnell Douglas has as well. I think some physical material, such as nitinol was one of the few successes. The program, led to ARPANET, as well as getting the laser past just the theoretical phase as far as telecommunications go.( Dr CharlesKao/ITT)

IMHO, The lack of progress is partly the level of advancement of whomever created said exotic materials that these programs recovered being at least a few hundred thousand years ahead of our current knowledge. But alot of it is the result of the ultra-secrecy surrounding the phenomenon in general. The cover-up whether one argues it was for the good of the people,which I doubt, or just because the powers that be saw the potential for profit, influence,(RAND Corp is of the most influential organizations in the world) or superiority over other countries, it's come back to bite them in their ass for sure.

The scientific community claims there's no hard evidence of a topic they're scared to study, or even acknowledge publicly. Fear of ridicule from mainstream sciencd/academia as a result of purposely stigmatizing this subject + compartmentalization & lack of cooperation from competing Aerospace companies = running into a brick wall.

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Wilson only found one program. There could be many programs, all analyzing different pieces or different craft or whatever. If they work as described they probably wouldn't even tell the programs about each other.

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Still works here if you give it a minute to load up, at least on desktop:

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Great research here MK, thanks for the refresher course!!

Don't forget the 69 Condon Report "Trick" memo that Edward Condon wrote that turns up & was supposed to provide an unbiased report on what threat UAP were, & their conclusion stating exactly what the Air Force/government wanted it to say. Nothing to see here, move along.

Too many coincidentally slanted arguments for blatant ignoring of valid evidence not to look at a government coverup.

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100% in agreement here. Condon Report such bs, it was 1969 when they claimed there was nothing to the phenomenon, & that all scientific work on the UFO problem, henceforth should make reference to the Condon Report. Meanwhile, in Dep Director of McDonnell Douglas documents there's a section called Competitors Efforts explaining the other major Aerospace companies involved in UFO programs, and Dr Woods states

"Hughes (10 men at Fullerton under Meiers);

-Lockheed Sunnyvale;

-Rand has proposed project (as have several other companies); Several companies have UFO related efforts.

-Raytheon has had computer project from Condon (U. of Colo)"

So Raytheon was literally at the headquarters of the Condon Report, engaged in scientific research of UFOs. In direct contradiction to the report released a YEAR before.

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This is good information here. Didn't realize all that was happening during this period. Thanks for the additional research!👍

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After seeing this, I didn't realize how bad the numbers really were. In reality, approximately 54% of all cases fall into unexplained or poorly explained areas. If Swamp Gas is considered a "solved" or "known cause" case, I'd strongly dislike to see what "doubtfully explained" looks like.

The reality is that this study was funded, a fall guy provided with the name Hyneck, and they solved very few sightings. I'm sure if they had any kind of aircraft in the remote area at the time of the sighting, it was marked "explained with certainty".

Example: Case number BS-69 New Orleans, La.

Witness: "At about 7:00 PM(1900 hrs military)I saw a UFO hover over Lake Ponchatrain, only 50 feet above it. A light came out the bottom and it almost looked like it was vacuuming water."

BlueBook explanation: Witness saw a test run of the U-2 Spy Plane, flying at 50,000 feet over Biloxi, which is only about 90 miles east, at 1800 hrs. Case closed with certainty.

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Yea, pretty much. I hinted at that a little bit here regarding AARO:

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They admit in the report they released that if they characterize a UFO as balloon-like or drone-like, that doesn't mean it was actually a balloon or a drone. UFOs are often debunked by simply picking the closest thing they can think of that is similar to it just like meteorites were explained as thunderstones and rocks thrown from volcanoes.

And this: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project\\_Blue\\_Book#Hynek's\\_criticism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_Blue_Book#Hynek's_criticism)

And that is on top of the fact that a UFO sighting that affects national security was handled in an entirely separate channel, bypassing bluebook. The real percentage of "actual UFOs" could be as high as 30 percent or more, at least after subtracting low quality garbage that isn't worth paying attention to, which should be part of everyone's analysis of UFOs.

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Great read! Very comprehensive and informative. The same powers that be who lied and covered this up for decades are now giving us "disclosure", I say we should be just as skeptical as to the veracity and motives for said disclosure knowing their track record.

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Absolutely agreed, but I would be careful to separate what is coming officially from the government versus what has been leaked.

For example, the narrative that the DoD authorized the release of those original three Navy videos is extremely misleading. Not only was the Flir1 video already leaked in 2007, then incorrectly "debunked" as CGI, the other two videos were

also leaked. In fact, the majority of the other officially recorded videos we have, such as Aguadilla, Nellis, and others, were also leaked. See these citations:  
[https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/qx0oz8/why\\_so\\_fewno\\_credible\\_leaks\\_of\\_hard\\_evidence/hl6jf05/](https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/qx0oz8/why_so_fewno_credible_leaks_of_hard_evidence/hl6jf05/)

Some have said that they probably only gave us crappy videos on purpose, but it also appears that the "rotating glare" theory for the Gimbal video is incorrect:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9lOQkxMkW8>

Some examples of shady tactics used to discredit Elizondo, such as by deleting his emails that could have proven or disproven some of his claims:  
[https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/ul9x4n/why\\_i\\_think\\_lue\\_knows\\_some\\_of\\_the\\_innermost/i7ugddy/](https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/ul9x4n/why_i_think_lue_knows_some_of_the_innermost/i7ugddy/)

I sympathize with people who think government personnel apparently coming out on their own could be disinformation agents. How could I know either way? But so many of them have come out, the idea that most of them are disinformation agents is a much bigger conspiracy theory with apparently zero leaks, and therefore less likely than the incompetent coverup theory, which has many hundreds of leaks, something expected from large conspiracies. See here:  
[https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/u9v40f/abc\\_news\\_the\\_us\\_government\\_is\\_completely/](https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/u9v40f/abc_news_the_us_government_is_completely/) (edit: unless you count Doty, an alleged smaller operation, and allegedly Von Braun, who both still claimed that some UFOs are extraterrestrial. I don't know the legitimacy of the Von Braun situation. I'm not aware of anybody who allegedly blew the whistle that any substantial portion of the whistleblowing is disinformation, but even if there were one or two, it would still be far simpler to argue that those people are themselves disinformation agents muddying the waters)

In my opinion, a lot of people in government, since many of them are probably themselves just recently learning about all of this as well, have their own unofficial "disclosure" going on, and the coverup group is just trying to hold back as best as they can. They seem to make concessions when you push them into a corner. Those navy videos were officially released after they were already public. For another example, the Robertson Panel Report was released after Ruppelt revealed it in his book.

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That was just to further bolster my argument. I was primarily interested in letting people know that the us government admits to giving deliberately false explanations for UFO sightings, something that UFO buffs know very well, but is probably contested by noobies. If you would have read further down the post instead of stopping after a couple of sentences, you'd see that this actually is a historical fact. The US government itself declassified the proof of both the UFO coverup and the blatant lie they told the public in 1969. Not to mention all of the peripheral information that lines right up with that.

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If you're familiar with UFO history, you'd see how absurd it is to take the CIA's "it was just our aircraft" narrative seriously.

Forgive me - I'm a first hand UFO witness, not a Believer so a lot of these conventions strike me as somewhat quaint, but - why is this in any way more absurd than accepting the basis for your hypothesis is telling the truth - only to a point - and then completely theorizing about the perceived missing "other side" to the story about UFO's?

Not to put too fine a point on this - as individuals were all lovely people, witty, intelligent - fun, even - but as group the UFO Community is a joke - no threat to anyone, certainly not the DoD, the Government and certainly not the CIA.

This community thinks its tenable , whatever faction, deems us such a threat to nations darkest secrets its sensible to go to any lengths to keep them covered up....

But yet, here we all are. Knowing all about them. Talking about them.

Can you understand the inherent problem I have here? I don't think UFO's exist - I bladdy know they do, I once stood not terribly far away from one and even underwent the head ache to prove it and not for a short time either.

I have actually no problem with the idea the CIA would use Flying Saucers as a way of passing off sightings of actually classified aircraft - most especially during the Cold War. I lived through that, I have a pristine memory of how actually scary the 50's-80's were.

Could these same people actually have covered up genuine UFO sightings by passing them off as classified projects?

Of course they could - there's no way to prove that they didn't but - even if they did, it's not necessarily to say these incidents were actually realised to be genuine UFO sightings simply presumed to be miss-identifications of classified projects and so passed off as such without actually realising they may actually have been UFO's to begin with.

It doesn't necessarily follow there's a sinister motive here - you administer a sub testament to the fact people misidentify perfectly ordinary, prosaic things all the time - convinced that what they saw and filmed was extraordinary and remarkable.

They're not.

A lot of these exact kinds of reports probably would have got swept up under the category of MFO and presumed miss-identification of classified inventory - look at the number of people convinced that stray balloon over London last weekend behaved strangely and couldn't be accounted for as anything other than a UAP.

I'd even include military and air-force reports in this because I've interviewed pilots and though - sure, they can be trusted with a good deal of accurate observation - they're not infallible, they do make mistakes and they're people, just like everyone else.

Their aren't unlimited resources available in any project - nobody in the CIA is going to have the time and resources to patiently sift through every last individual file that crosses a desk - if you're stated objective is to disguise genuine inventory sightings as UFO reports - anything remotely anomalous is just going to be filed under that heading and then - years later - you're probably going to find a lot of those reports actually weren't of classified inventory at all but UFO's.

But, that being said - you're own sub lies testament to the fact - most of those sightings equally won't of actually have been of actual UFO's either, just perfectly prosaic things that looked a little odd at the time of being seen.

It doesn't make any difference, is my point. Most of these reports aren't anything, all this means - at worst - more otherwise explainable cases got bundled up and buried for decades out of policy rather than any genuine intent to maliciously deceive.

The UFO Community is not some challenging adversary those in power have to endlessly thwart with complicated schemes - like I say, just go back to last weeks balloon.

This Community shoots itself in the foot for free all the time....

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For the record, that there has been a UFO coverup is already an established fact.

There are two main, separate UFO phenomena that exist independently of one another. 1) Secret military aircraft, and 2) apparently highly technologically advanced aerial objects that outperform even our secret military aircraft.

In 1997, the CIA openly admitted that they lied about UFOs and spread propaganda to debunk UFO sightings, although they only admitted to covering up secret military aircraft. If the CIA admitted to covering up one of these, would a reasonable person believe that they wouldn't also cover up the other?

Pay close attention to the timeline here, the most important factor that reveals what was going on.

[Edit: I should have began with this:

According to Senator Barry Goldwater, UFO information (or at least some portion of it) is classified "Above Top Secret." According to a then Top Secret 1950 memo, the Canadian Project Magnet head (of a UFO program) Wilbert B. Smith was informed that "the matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States government, rating higher even than the H-bomb."

According to a January 31, 1949 FBI memorandum to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover from the FBI San Antonio field office:

"This matter is considered Top Secret by Intelligence Officers of both the Army and the Air Forces."]

The fact of the UFO coverup:

Rather than acknowledging the existence of the top-secret [U-2 and SR-71] flights or saying nothing about them publicly, the Air Force decided to put out false cover stories, the C.I.A. study says. For instance, unusual observations that were actually spy flights were attributed to atmospheric phenomena like ice crystals and temperature inversions.

'Over half of all U.F.O. reports from the late 1950's through the 1960's were accounted for by manned reconnaissance flights' over the United States, the C.I.A. study says. 'This led the Air Force to make misleading and deceptive

statements to the public in order to allay public fears and to protect an extraordinarily sensitive national security project.''  
<https://www.nytimes.com/1997/08/03/us/cia-admits-government-lied-about-ufo-sightings.html> (archive of article here)

They reiterated this again in a misleading 2014 tweet on the CIA twitter account. "Remember reports of unusual activity in the skies in the '50s? That was us." <https://twitter.com/CIA/status/484429844777037824>

NOTE: The claim that "half of UFOs were spy flights" is clearly not true. Not only is that claim preposterous, it has also been debunked:  
[https://np.reddit.com/user/MKULTRA\\_Escapee/comments/1bqayw0/metabunk\\_looks\\_at\\_the\\_claim\\_half\\_of\\_ufos\\_in\\_the/](https://np.reddit.com/user/MKULTRA_Escapee/comments/1bqayw0/metabunk_looks_at_the_claim_half_of_ufos_in_the/) This means that the Air Force's deliberately false explanations for UFOs were not plausibly justified in order to cover up U-2 flights. Therefore, they were just covering up UFOs.

The Robertson Panel Report lays out a very well-thought out coverup plan of UFOs in 1953, several years before the first flight of the U-2 anyway:

After a closed-door session with a scientific advisory panel chaired by H.P. Robertson from the California Institute of Technology, the C.I.A. issued a secret report recommending a broad educational program for all intelligence agencies, with the aim of "training and debunking."

Training meant more public education on how to identify known objects in the sky. "The use of true cases showing first the 'mystery' and then the 'explanation' would be forceful," the report said. Debunking "would be accomplished by mass media such as television, motion pictures, and popular articles."

That plan involved using psychologists, advertising experts, amateur astronomers and even Disney cartoons to create propaganda to reduce public interest. And civilian U.F.O. groups should be "watched," the report stated, because of their "great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/15/arts/television/project-blue-book-history-true-story.html> (archive of article here)

One criticism of this document is that it was merely a plan, not an admission of that plan in practice, but as you can see from the 1997 "CIA Study," it clearly was put into practice, but there is other supporting evidence of that. For example, I would highly recommend reviewing this 1979 New York Times article, which was based on then recently released documents through FOIA back when the act had teeth. Some excerpts:

Despite official pronouncements for decades that U.F.O.'s were nothing more than misidentified aerial objects and as such were no cause for alarm, recently declassified U.F.O. records from the C.I.A., the F.B.I. and other Federal agencies indicate that, ever since U.F.O.'s made their appearance in our skies in the 1940's, the phenomenon has aroused much serious behind-the-scenes concern in official circles.

Even the possibility that these unknowns could be evidence of extraterrestrial visitations has been given serious attention in Government circles.

But it is the C.I.A. that appears to have played the key role in the controversy, and may even be responsible for the Government's conduct in U.F.O. investigations throughout the years.

As the cold war gave rise to the fears of the McCarthy era, official concern over U.F.O.'s even led to the surveillance of several private U.F.O. organizations (as many of their members have long insisted) and to the scrutiny of dozens of individuals suspected of subversive U.F.O. activities.  
<https://www.nytimes.com/1979/10/14/archives/ufo-files-the-untold-story.html>

(archive of article here)

If you're familiar with UFO history, you'd see how absurd it is to take the CIA's "it was just our aircraft" narrative seriously. The U-2 was flying from 1955 onward, and the SR-71 in the 60s. What about the first half of the 50s, almost the entire decade of the 1940s (foo fighters, etc), and all of the sightings going back millennia? Some choice examples of historical UFO sightings here:

[https://np.reddit.com/r/HighStrangeness/comments/14i2ztm/ufo\\_shapes\\_changed\\_over\\_time\\_seems\\_to\\_be\\_a\\_myth/](https://np.reddit.com/r/HighStrangeness/comments/14i2ztm/ufo_shapes_changed_over_time_seems_to_be_a_myth/) In one example, we now know that a mass sighting of a "dull, silvery disk" was witnessed in 1917, way before the modern flying saucer/UFO era, which began 30 years later, but many such sightings have occurred throughout history.

It should be noted that in a memo in 1947, General Nathan Twining wrote to Brig. General George Schulgen:

It is the opinion that:

"The phenomenon is something real and not visionary or fictitious."

"The reported operating characteristics such as extreme rates of climb, maneuverability (particularly in roll), and action which must be considered evasive when sighted ... lend belief to the possibility that some of the objects are controlled either manually, automatically, or remotely."

e. The apparent common description is as follows: (1) Metallic or light reflecting surface. (2) Absence of trail, except in a few instances where the object apparently was operating under high performance conditions. (3) Circular or elliptical in shape, flat on bottom and domed on top.

<https://archive.org/details/twinning-memo/mode/2up>

Note: Detractors will claim that Kenneth Arnold didn't actually see discs, suggesting that the entire flying saucer phenomenon was caused by "media hysteria," therefore the above document drew incorrect conclusions. However, Kenneth Arnold did appear to see flying discs (or 95 percent discs) going by his original statements, audio interview, and his original drawing he made for the Army. But since his story changed over time, people select the claims he made years later as being more accurate, even though memory fades over time, not the opposite.

Supplementary material further establishing the UFO coverup:

In a 1960 letter to Congress, Vice Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, who was first Director of the CIA (1947-1950), stated:

"Behind the scenes, high-ranking Air Force officers are soberly concerned about UFOs. But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense. To hide the facts, the Air Force has silenced its personnel." Full New York Times article:

<https://imgur.com/a/ljgfJyx> (Paywalled link:

<https://www.nytimes.com/1960/02/28/archives/air-forge-order-on-saucers-cited-pamphlet-by-the-inspector-general.html>)

If anyone was in a position to know what was really going on in the late 1940s, it was him.

Former Bluebook chief Edward Ruppelt was the first to reveal the existence and a summary of the proceedings and conclusions of the Robertson Panel Report in his 1956 book. The report was released years later. He also revealed several other then secret documents, including the 1948 Estimate of the Situation, which stated that the extraterrestrial hypothesis was the best explanation for flying saucers. This estimate was sent up the chain of command and subsequently destroyed, never to see the light of day.

Ruppelt also stated:

...It was the typical negative approach. I know that the negative approach is typical of the way that material is handed out by the Air Force because I was continually being told to "tell them about the sighting reports we've solved—don't mention the unknowns." I was never ordered to tell this, but it was a strong suggestion and in the military when higher headquarters suggests, you do. -The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects, by Edward J. Ruppelt, Air Force Director of Project Grudge and Blue Book [1956] - Chapter 5, page 62.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek (who later believed UFOs were non-human technology) was a government UFO debunker and scientific advisor to UFO studies from 1947-1969 (Sign, Grudge, and Bluebook). He later came clean about his involvement in the UFO coverup, stating Bluebook was told not to get the public excited, "don't rock the boat." Whenever a case came up that they could explain, let that out to the media/public. But for cases that were very difficult to explain, do everything you can to keep the media away from it. Bluebook had a job to do, rightly or wrongly, to keep the public from getting excited:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pyDVR2B14dw> After learning of the Bolender memo, Hynek remarked that "he felt very used."

According to the Bolender memo, any UFO reports which could affect national security went into a separate system from the public "Project Blue Book." There was a coverup within the coverup. Even those people responsible for studying UFOs and covering them up were themselves victims to yet another coverup.  
[https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/urxzi5/stanton\\_friedman\\_on\\_usaf\\_brigadier\\_general/](https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/urxzi5/stanton_friedman_on_usaf_brigadier_general/)

Similar statements about UFO reports bypassing the BB system were made in AF documents going back to 1958-61, when similar efforts to justify closure of BB were made then. In an interview on March 16, 2000, retired BB chief Col. Robert J. Friend told me that he knew there were classified intelligence channels for reporting UFO's that completely bypassed BB and he knew of specific UFO cases involving classified sensor systems that were reported that way and never went to him at BB. UFO's were reported to the AF operational commands in accordance the AF's Operational Reporting system, AFOPREP, under AF Manual 55-11 of 1965 and predecessors, and this supplanted the UFO reporting directives that had sent UFO reports to BB. [http://www.nicap.org/waves/bolender\\_memo3.htm](http://www.nicap.org/waves/bolender_memo3.htm)

Here is Colonel William T. Coleman and Colonel Friend on the history of Blue Book and the mysterious disappearance from Bluebook of good UFO reports. Colonel Coleman states that while flying, he himself was basically "right on top" of a UFO, a "run of the mill flying saucer," but when he went looking for his report in the Bluebook files, it was nowhere to be found:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6kjhZKnt8w>

Note that the government claimed in 1969 they were no longer interested in studying and collecting information on UFOs. The above declassified Bolender memo proves that false.

From 1952 to 1954 (press release available one year later), Bluebook commissioned the Battelle Memorial Institute to analyze 3,200 UFO reports. This was known as Project Bluebook Special Report 14. They concluded that over 20 percent of the thousands of cases they looked at could not be identified after attempts to debunk them. The higher the quality of case, the more likely it could not be explained. A full third of the cases in the "excellent" category could not be identified. However, a fact such as this was detrimental to what they were trying to accomplish, so in 1955, the government put out a misleading press release on the study that only 3 percent of reports were unknowns, and the report itself wasn't available for many years. In the press release, they further claimed that if they had more information, that 3 percent would probably disappear, but this is directly contradicted by the findings of the report itself. The better the information and witnesses, the less likely they could

explain the case. Why lie about it?

Actual conclusions of the report: of all cases, 22 percent were unknowns. 42 percent explained with certainty. 27 percent doubtfully explained. 9 percent insufficient information to make a determination.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project\\_Blue\\_Book#Project\\_Blue\\_Book\\_Special\\_Report\\_No.\\_14](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_Blue_Book#Project_Blue_Book_Special_Report_No._14)

The original press release can be seen here, Oct 25, 1955:

<https://imgur.com/a/82GLY6r> Source here, page 43:

[http://www.cufos.org/books/Air\\_Force\\_Project\\_Blue\\_Book\\_Special\\_Report\\_14R.pdf](http://www.cufos.org/books/Air_Force_Project_Blue_Book_Special_Report_14R.pdf)

Remember that the U-2 didn't even fly until after Bluebook 14 was completed. So what was flying around up there?

Edit: accuracy.

Edit 2: added information on Goldwater, Smith, and an FBI memo. Fixed links.

Edit 3: Updated several links, and a couple other edits to wording.

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The way they try claiming the U2 & SR 71 explains away most sightings is bs. I think it's a possibility that Kelly Johnson, & Lockheed development of those specific aircraft was a result of studying UFOs. Here Kelly Johnson himself talking about a UFO sighting & bringing in the USAF to study this. I think alot of these guys got very wealthy from reverse engineering tech from these craft is partly responsible for all the secrecy. Not public outrage, national security, greed. Pretty much EVERY Aerospace company was secretly involved in this research, especially Lockheed. Also hilarious that the CIA contracted McDonnell Douglas in '70, to mimic UFOs. Project Skylite it was called

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according to the wilson memo they have had little to no progress at all reverse engineering alien technology

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I tend to agree with that assessment for the simple fact that another civilization would likely be millions, perhaps billions of years more advanced. Reverse engineering that would be akin to a caveman trying to reverse engineer an iPhone. It's going to take hundreds or thousands of years at the very least, if not longer, before we have real success overall, but there probably has been a small amount of progress in certain areas, maybe like with metamaterials.

Eric Davis is also on audio talking about this here: <https://youtu.be/x4-JfM4rkRY>

Ross Coulthart, formerly of 60 Minutes Australia, has his own sources, including Nat Kobitz, the "chief geek for the US Navy" who admitted he was read into a UFO crash retrieval program, personally studied such highly technologically advanced debris, and was briefed that there were bodies. Kobitz stated "I could not explain what it was. Those metals were bonded at the atomic level." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sBE2pfPdlo> Coulthart also says he has spoken to over 20 sources who are aware of an attempt by the US to back-engineer such technology, and all of those people claim there was no real success. Because of this, Coulthart says he is "absolutely certain that the United States has recovered non-human technology."

And of course Leonard Stringfield, who had like 50 sources, which he covered in his books.

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Oh yea, I believe that for the most part they haven't quite cracked the code, but it's pretty obvious they know how things work at the very least. Ben Rich has alluded to this, Dr Robert Woods, Dir of McDonnell Douglas has as well. I think some physical material, such as nitinol was one of the few successes. The program, led to ARPANET, as well as getting the laser past just the theoretical phase as far as telecommunications go.( Dr CharlesKao/ITT)

IMHO, The lack of progress is partly the level of advancement of whomever created said exotic materials that these programs recovered being at least a few hundred thousand years ahead of our current knowledge. But alot of it is the result of the ultra-secrecy surrounding the phenomenon in general. The cover-up whether one argues it was for the good of the people,which I doubt, or just because the powers that be saw the potential for profit, influence,(RAND Corp is of the most influential organizations in the world) or superiority over other countries, it's come back to bite them in their ass for sure.

The scientific community claims there's no hard evidence of a topic they're scared to study, or even acknowledge publicly. Fear of ridicule from mainstream sciencd/academia as a result of purposely stigmatizing this subject + compartmentalization & lack of cooperation from competing Aerospace companies = running into a brick wall.

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Wilson only found one program. There could be many programs, all analyzing different pieces or different craft or whatever. If they work as described they probably wouldnt even tell the programs about each other.

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Dude this is trippy the channel parasyketv on YouTube did a FANTASTIC video on the mage UFO thing with all kinds of videos from locals. Now it's gone. Wtf

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Still works here if you give it a minute to load up, at least on desktop:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20230604185112/https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmBniAE4y8E>

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Great research here MK, thanks for the refresher course!!

Don't forget the 69 Condon Report "Trick" memo that Edward Condon wrote that turns up & was supposed to provide an unbiased report on what threat UAP were, & their conclusion stating exactly what the Air Force/government wanted it to say. Nothing to see here, move along.

Too many coincidentally slanted arguments for blatant ignoring of valid evidence not to look at a government coverup.

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100% in agreement here. Condon Report such bs, it was 1969 when they claimed there was nothing to the phenomenon, & that all scientific work on the UFO problem, henceforth should make reference to the Condon Report. Meanwhile, in Dep Director of McDonnell Douglas documents there's a section called Competitors Efforts explaining the other major Aerospace companies involved in UFO programs, and Dr Woods states

"Hughes (10 men at Fullerton under Meiers);

-Lockheed Sunnyvale;

-Rand has proposed project (as have several other companies); Several companies have UFO related efforts.

-Raytheon has had computer project from Condon (U. of Colo)"

So Raytheon was literally at the headquarters of the Condon Report, engaged in scientific research of UFOs. In direct contradiction to the report released a YEAR before.

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This is good information here. Didn't realize all that was happening during this period. Thanks for the additional research!👍

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After seeing this, I didn't realize how bad the numbers really were. In reality, approximately 54% of all cases fall into unexplained or poorly explained areas. If Swamp Gas is considered a "solved" or "known cause" case, I'd strongly dislike to see what "doubtfully explained" looks like.

The reality is that this study was funded, a fall guy provided with the name Hyneck, and they solved very few sightings. I'm sure if they had any kind of aircraft in the remote area at the time of the sighting, it was marked "explained with certainty".

Example: Case number BS-69 New Orleans, La.

Witness: "At about 7:00 PM(1900 hrs military)I saw a UFO hover over Lake Ponchatrain, only 50 feet above it. A light came out the bottom and it almost looked like it was vacuuming water."

BlueBook explanation: Witness saw a test run of the U-2 Spy Plane, flying at 50,000 feet over Biloxi, which is only about 90 miles east, at 1800 hrs. Case closed with certainty.

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Yea, pretty much. I hinted at that a little bit here regarding AARO:

[https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/10avrn3/mick\\_west\\_is\\_making\\_the\\_rounds\\_this\\_morning\\_about/j46luwr/](https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/10avrn3/mick_west_is_making_the_rounds_this_morning_about/j46luwr/)

They admit in the report they released that if they characterize a UFO as balloon-like or drone-like, that doesn't mean it was actually a balloon or a drone. UFOs are often debunked by simply picking the closest thing they can think of that is similar to it just like meteorites were explained as thunderstones and rocks thrown from volcanoes.

And this: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project\\_Blue\\_Book#Hynek's\\_criticism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_Blue_Book#Hynek's_criticism)

And that is on top of the fact that a UFO sighting that affects national security was handled in an entirely separate channel, bypassing bluebook. The real percentage of "actual UFOs" could be as high as 30 percent or more, at least after subtracting low quality garbage that isn't worth paying attention to, which should be part of everyone's analysis of UFOs.

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Great read! Very comprehensive and informative. The same powers that be who lied and covered this up for decades are now giving us "disclosure", I say we should be just as skeptical as to the veracity and motives for said disclosure knowing their track record.

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Absolutely agreed, but I would be careful to separate what is coming officially from the government versus what has been leaked.

For example, the narrative that the DoD authorized the release of those original three Navy videos is extremely misleading. Not only was the Flir1 video already leaked in 2007, then incorrectly "debunked" as CGI, the other two videos were also leaked. In fact, the majority of the other officially recorded videos we have, such as Aguadilla, Nellis, and others, were also leaked. See these citations:

[https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/qx0oz8/why\\_so\\_fewno\\_credible\\_leaks\\_of\\_hard\\_evidence/hl6jf05/](https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/qx0oz8/why_so_fewno_credible_leaks_of_hard_evidence/hl6jf05/)

Some have said that they probably only gave us crappy videos on purpose, but it also appears that the "rotating glare" theory for the Gimbal video is incorrect: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9lOQkxMkW8>

Some examples of shady tactics used to discredit Elizondo, such as by deleting his emails that could have proven or disproven some of his claims:

[https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/ul9x4n/why\\_i\\_think\\_lue\\_knows\\_some\\_of\\_the\\_innermost/i7ugddy/](https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/ul9x4n/why_i_think_lue_knows_some_of_the_innermost/i7ugddy/)

I sympathize with people who think government personnel apparently coming out on their own could be disinformation agents. How could I know either way? But so many of them have come out, the idea that most of them are disinformation agents

is a much bigger conspiracy theory with apparently zero leaks, and therefore less likely than the incompetent coverup theory, which has many hundreds of leaks, something expected from large conspiracies. See here: [https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/u9v40f/abc\\_news\\_the\\_us\\_government\\_is\\_compl etely/](https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/u9v40f/abc_news_the_us_government_is_compl etely/) (edit: unless you count Doty, an alleged smaller operation, and allegedly Von Braun, who both still claimed that some UFOs are extraterrestrial. I don't know the legitimacy of the Von Braun situation. I'm not aware of anybody who allegedly blew the whistle that any substantial portion of the whistleblowing is disinformation, but even if there were one or two, it would still be far simpler to argue that those people are themselves disinformation agents muddying the waters)

In my opinion, a lot of people in government, since many of them are probably themselves just recently learning about all of this as well, have their own unofficial "disclosure" going on, and the coverup group is just trying to hold back as best as they can. They seem to make concessions when you push them into a corner. Those navy videos were officially released after they were already public. For another example, the Robertson Panel Report was released after Ruppelt revealed it in his book.

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This must be one of the best posts I've seen around here.

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Misleading title. "They lied about x so they are lying about y" isn't fact it's logic fallacy.

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That was just to further bolster my argument. I was primarily interested in letting people know that the us government admits to giving deliberately false explanations for UFO sightings, something that UFO buffs know very well, but is probably contested by noobies. If you would have read further down the post instead of stopping after a couple of sentences, you'd see that this actually is a historical fact. The US government itself declassified the proof of both the UFO coverup and the blatant lie they told the public in 1969. Not to mention all of the peripheral information that lines right up with that.

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If you're familiar with UFO history, you'd see how absurd it is to take the CIA's "it was just our aircraft" narrative seriously.

Forgive me - I'm a first hand UFO witness, not a Believer so a lot of these conventions strike me as somewhat quaint, but - why is this in any way more absurd than accepting the basis for your hypothesis is telling the truth - only to a point - and then completely theorizing about the perceived missing "other side" to the story about UFO's?

Not to put too fine a point on this - as individuals were all lovely people, witty, intelligent - fun, even - but as group the UFO Community is a joke - no threat to anyone, certainly not the DoD, the Government and certainly not the CIA.

This community thinks its tenable , whatever faction, deems us such a threat to nations darkest secrets its sensible to go to any lengths to keep them covered up....

But yet, here we all are. Knowing all about them. Talking about them.

Can you understand the inherent problem I have here? I don't think UFO's exist -

I bladdy know they do, I once stood not terribly far away from one and even underwent the head ache to prove it and not for a short time either.

I have actually no problem with the idea the CIA would use Flying Saucers as a way of passing off sightings of actually classified aircraft - most especially during the Cold War. I lived through that, I have a pristine memory of how actually scary the 50's-80's were.

Could these same people actually have covered up genuine UFO sightings by passing them off as classified projects?

Of course they could - there's no way to prove that they didn't but - even if they did, it's not necessarily to say these incidents were actually realised to be genuine UFO sightings simply presumed to be miss-identifications of classified projects and so passed off as such without actually realising they may actually have been UFO's to begin with.

It doesn't necessarily follow there's a sinister motive here - you administer a sub testament to the fact people misidentify perfectly ordinary, prosaic things all the time - convinced that what they saw and filmed was extraordinary and remarkable.

They're not.

A lot of these exact kinds of reports probably would have got swept up under the category of MFO and presumed miss-identification of classified inventory - look at the number of people convinced that stray balloon over London last weekend behaved strangely and couldn't be accounted for as anything other than a UAP.

I'd even include military and air-force reports in this because I've interviewed pilots and though - sure, they can be trusted with a good deal of accurate observation - they're not infallible, they do make mistakes and they're people, just like everyone else.

Their aren't unlimited resources available in any project - nobody in the CIA is going to have the time and resources to patiently sift through every last individual file that crosses a desk - if you're stated objective is to disguise genuine inventory sightings as UFO reports - anything remotely anomalous is just going to be filed under that heading and then - years later - you're probably going to find a lot of those reports actually weren't of classified inventory at all but UFO's.

But, that being said - you're own sub lies testament to the fact - most of those sightings equally won't of actually have been of actual UFO's either, just perfectly prosaic things that looked a little odd at the time of being seen.

It doesn't make any difference, is my point. Most of these reports aren't anything, all this means - at worst - more otherwise explainable cases got bundled up and buried for decades out of policy rather than any genuine intent to maliciously deceive.

The UFO Community is not some challenging adversary those in power have to endlessly thwart with complicated schemes - like I say, just go back to last weeks balloon.

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There are Aussie RAF intelligence docs that also back this up:

The early analyses of UFO reports by USAF intelligence indicated that real phenomena were being reported which had flight characteristics so far in advance of U.S. aircraft that only an extra-terrestrial origin could be envisaged. A government agency, which later events indicated to be the CIA Office of Scientific Intelligence (OSI), studied the UFO reports with the intention of determining the UFO propulsion methods. At that time, OSI was responsible for intelligence on foreign research and development in nuclear and missile matters.

The CIA became alarmed at the overloading of military communications during the

mass sightings of 1952 and considered the possibility that the USSR may take advantage of such a situation. As a result, OSI acting through the Robertson-panel meeting of mid-January 1953, persuaded the USAF to use Project BLUE BOOK as a means of publicly "debunking" UFO's, and at a later stage to allocate funds for the Avro advanced "saucer" aircraft and the launching of a crash programme into anti-gravity power. To initiate such programs decades ahead of normal scientific development would indicate that the U.S. Government acknowledged the existence of advanced "aircraft" which presumably used a gravity-control method of propulsion. An additional motivation could have been the fear that the USSR would achieve this goal before the U.S.

By erecting a facade of ridicule, the U.S. hoped to allay public alarm, reduce the possibility of the Soviets taking advantage of UFO mass sightings for either psychological or actual warfare purposes, and act as a cover for the real U.S. programme of developing vehicles that emulate UFO performances.

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=30030606&S=7>

I think these docs are explosive in that they explicitly state USAF opinion was that the only possibility was nonhuman tech.

Also J Allen Hynek: J. Allen Hynek, head of project Blue Book, on intentional debunking and most truly unexplainable cases being hidden from the public and from bluebook itself. also talks about performance characteristics making it impossible for the origin to be from us or peers:

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Barry Goldwater

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United States Senator

from Arizona

In office

January 3, 1969 – January 3, 1987

Preceded by Carl Hayden

Succeeded by John McCain

In office

January 3, 1953 – January 3, 1965

Preceded by Ernest McFarland  
Succeeded by Paul Fannin  
Committee positions  
Member of the Phoenix City Council  
from the at-large district  
In office  
1950–1952  
Personal details  
Born Barry Morris Goldwater  
January 2, 1909  
Phoenix, Arizona Territory  
Died May 29, 1998 (aged 89)  
Paradise Valley, Arizona, U.S.  
Resting place Christ Church of the Ascension  
Paradise Valley, Arizona, U.S.  
Party Republican  
Spouses  
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(m. 1934; died 1985)  
Susan Wechsler (m. 1992)  
Children 4, including Barry Jr.  
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Barry Morris Goldwater (January 2, 1909 – May 29, 1998) was an American politician and major general in the Air Force Reserve who served as a United States senator from 1953 to 1965 and 1969 to 1987, and was the Republican Party's nominee for president in 1964.

Goldwater was born in Phoenix, Arizona, where he helped manage his family's department store. During World War II, he flew aircraft between the U.S. and India. After the war, Goldwater served in the Phoenix City Council. In 1952, he was elected to the U.S. Senate, where he rejected the legacy of the New Deal and, along with the conservative coalition, fought against the New Deal coalition. Goldwater also challenged his party's moderate to liberal wing on policy issues. He supported the Civil Rights Acts of 1957 and 1960 and the 24th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution but opposed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, disagreeing with Title II and Title VII. In the 1964 U.S. presidential election, Goldwater mobilized a large conservative constituency to win the Republican nomination, but then lost the general election to incumbent Democratic president Lyndon B. Johnson in a landslide.[1]



Goldwater returned to the Senate in 1969 and specialized in defense and foreign policy. He successfully urged president Richard Nixon to resign in 1974 when evidence of a cover-up in the Watergate scandal became overwhelming and impeachment was imminent. In 1986, he oversaw passage of the Goldwater-Nichols Act, which strengthened civilian authority in the U.S. Department of Defense. Near the end of his career, Goldwater's views on social and cultural issues grew increasingly libertarian.

Many political pundits and historians believe he laid the foundation for the conservative revolution to follow as the grassroots organization and conservative takeover of the Republican Party began a long-term realignment in American politics, which helped to bring about the presidency of Ronald Reagan in the 1980s. He also had a substantial impact on the American libertarian movement.[2] After leaving the Senate, Goldwater became supportive of environmental protection,[3] gay rights, including military service and adoption rights for same-sex couples,[4][5] abortion rights,[6] and the legalization of marijuana.[7]

#### Early life and education

Goldwater was born on January 2, 1909, in Phoenix, Arizona, in what was then the Arizona Territory, the son of Baron M. Goldwater and his wife, Hattie Josephine "JoJo" Williams. Goldwater long believed that he was born on January 1, 1909, and thus works published during his career list this as his date of birth; however, in his later years, he discovered documentation revealing that he was actually born at 3 a.m. on January 2.[8] His father's family founded Goldwater's Department Store, a leading upscale department store in Phoenix.[9] Goldwater's paternal grandfather, Michel Goldwasser, a Polish Jew, was born in 1821 in Konin, then part of Congress Poland. He emigrated to London following the Revolutions of 1848. Soon after arriving in London, Michel anglicized his name to Michael Goldwater. Michel married Sarah Nathan, a member of an English-Jewish family, in the Great Synagogue of London.[10][11]

The Goldwaters later emigrated to the United States, first arriving in San Francisco, California, before finally settling in the Arizona Territory, where Michael Goldwater opened a small department store that was later taken over and expanded by his three sons, Henry, Baron, and Morris.[12] Morris Goldwater (1852–1939) was an Arizona territorial and state legislator, mayor of Prescott, Arizona, delegate to the Arizona Constitutional Convention, and later President of the Arizona State Senate.[13]

Goldwater's father was Jewish, but Goldwater was raised in his mother's Episcopal faith. Hattie Williams came from an established New England family that included the theologian Roger Williams, of Rhode Island.[14] Goldwater's parents were married in an Episcopal church in Phoenix; for his entire life, Goldwater was an Episcopalian, though on rare occasions he referred to himself as Jewish.[15] While he did not often attend church, he stated that "If a man acts in a religious way, an ethical way, then he's really a religious man—and it doesn't have a lot to do with how often he gets inside a church." [16][17][18] His first cousin was Julius Goldwater, a convert to Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu priest who assisted interned Japanese Americans during World War II.[19]

After performing poorly academically as a high school freshman, Goldwater's parents sent him to Staunton Military Academy in Staunton, Virginia, where he played varsity football, basketball, track, and swimming; was senior class treasurer; and attained the rank of captain.[15][20] He graduated from the academy in 1928 and enrolled at the University of Arizona,[20][21] but dropped out after one year. Barry Goldwater is the most recent non-college graduate to be the nominee of a major political party in a presidential election. Goldwater entered the family's business around the time of his father's death, in 1930. Six years later, he took over the department store, though he was not particularly enthusiastic about running the business.[15]

#### Career

## U.S. Air Force

Goldwater as a major general in the United States Air Force, c.1967

After the United States entered World War II, Goldwater received a reserve commission in the United States Army Air Force. Goldwater trained as a pilot and was assigned to the Ferry Command, a newly formed unit that flew aircraft and supplies to war zones worldwide. He spent most of the war flying between the U.S. and India, via the Azores and North Africa or South America, Nigeria, and Central Africa. Goldwater also flew "The Hump", one of the most dangerous routes for supply planes during WWII. The route required aircraft to fly directly over the Himalayas in order to deliver desperately needed supplies to the Republic of China.[22]

Following the end of World War II in 1945, Goldwater was a leading proponent of creating the United States Air Force Academy and later served on the academy's Board of Visitors. The visitor center at the academy is now named in his honor. Goldwater remained in the Army Air Reserve after the war, and in 1946, at the rank of Colonel, Goldwater founded the Arizona Air National Guard. Goldwater ordered the Arizona Air National Guard desegregated, two years before the rest of the U.S. military. In the early 1960s, while a senator, he commanded the 9999th Air Reserve Squadron as a major general. Goldwater was instrumental in pushing the Pentagon to support the desegregation of the armed services.[23]

Goldwater remained in the Arizona Air National Guard until 1967, retiring as a Command Pilot with the rank of major general.[24]

As a U.S. Senator, Goldwater had a sign in his office that referenced his military career and mindset: "There are old pilots and there are bold pilots, but there are no old, bold pilots." [25]

## Early political involvement

In a heavily Democratic state, Goldwater became a conservative Republican and a friend of Herbert Hoover. He was outspoken against New Deal liberalism, especially its close ties to labor unions. A pilot, amateur radio operator, outdoorsman, and photographer, he criss-crossed Arizona and developed a deep interest in both the natural and the human history of the state. He entered Phoenix politics in 1949, when he was elected to the City Council as part of a nonpartisan team of candidates pledged to clean up widespread prostitution and gambling. The team won every mayoral and council election for the next two decades. Goldwater rebuilt the weak Republican Party, and was instrumental in electing Howard Pyle as Governor in 1950.[26][27]

## Support for civil rights

Goldwater was a supporter of racial equality. He integrated his family's business upon taking over control in the 1930s. A lifetime member of the NAACP, Goldwater helped found the group's Arizona chapter. He saw to it that the Arizona Air National Guard was racially integrated from its inception in 1946, two years before President Truman ordered the military as a whole be integrated (a process that was not completed until 1954). Goldwater worked with Phoenix civil rights leaders to successfully integrate public schools a year prior to *Brown v. Board of Education*. Despite this support of civil rights, he remained in objection to some major federal civil rights legislation. Civil rights leaders like Martin Luther King Jr. remarked of him, "while not himself a racist, Mr. Goldwater articulates a philosophy which gives aid and comfort to the racists." [28][29]

Goldwater was an early member and largely unrecognized supporter of the National Urban League's Phoenix chapter, going so far as to cover the group's early operating deficits with his personal funds.[30][31] Though the NAACP denounced Goldwater in the harshest of terms when he ran for president, the Urban League conferred on him the 1991 Humanitarian Award "for 50 years of loyal service to the Phoenix Urban League". In response to League members who objected, citing Goldwater's vote on the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the League president pointed out that he had saved the League more than once, saying he preferred to judge a

person "on the basis of his daily actions rather than on his voting record".[31]

U.S. Senator

Goldwater's campaign portrait in the 1952 U.S. Senate campaign

Goldwater's informal press conference on August 7, 1974, following a meeting between Goldwater, U.S. Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott, U.S. House Minority Leader John Jacob Rhodes, and President Richard Nixon to discuss the Watergate scandal and impeachment process. The following evening, on August 8, 1974, President Nixon announced his resignation in a nationally televised address. Running as a Republican, Goldwater won a narrow upset victory seat in the 1952 Arizona Senate election against veteran Democrat and Senate Majority Leader Ernest McFarland. He won largely by defeating McFarland in his native Maricopa County by 12,600 votes, almost double the overall margin of 6,725 votes.

Goldwater defeated McFarland by a larger margin when he ran again in 1958. Following his strong re-election showing, he became the first Arizona Republican to win a second term in the U.S. Senate. Goldwater's victory was all the more remarkable since it came in a year Democrats gained 13 seats in the Senate.

During his Senate career, Goldwater was regarded as the "Grand Old Man of the Republican Party and one of the nation's most respected exponents of conservatism".[32]

Criticism of Eisenhower administration

Goldwater was outspoken about the Eisenhower administration, calling some of the policies of the administration too liberal for a Republican president.

"Democrats delighted in pointing out that the junior senator was so headstrong that he had gone out his way to criticize the president of his own party."[33] There was a Democratic majority in Congress for most of Eisenhower's career, and Goldwater felt that President Dwight Eisenhower was compromising too much with Democrats in order to get legislation passed. Early on in his career as a senator for Arizona, he criticized the \$71.8 billion budget that President Eisenhower sent to Congress, stating, "Now, however, I am not so sure. A \$71.8 billion budget not only shocks me, but it weakens my faith."[34] Goldwater opposed Eisenhower's pick of Earl Warren for Chief Justice of the United States. "The day that Eisenhower appointed Governor Earl Warren of California as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Goldwater did not hesitate to express his misgivings."[35] However, Goldwater was present in the United States Senate on March 1, 1954, when Warren was unanimously confirmed,[36] voted in favor of Eisenhower's nomination of John Marshall Harlan II on March 16, 1955,[37] was present for the unanimous nominations of William J. Brennan Jr. and Charles Evans Whittaker on March 19, 1957,[38] and voted in favor of the nomination of Potter Stewart on May 5, 1959.[39]

Stance on civil rights

In his first year in the Senate, Goldwater was responsible for the desegregation of the Senate cafeteria after he insisted that his Black legislative assistant, Katherine Maxwell, be served along with every other Senate employee.[40]

Goldwater and the Eisenhower administration supported the integration of schools in the South, but Goldwater felt the states should choose how they wanted to integrate and should not be forced by the federal government. "Goldwater criticized the use of federal troops. He accused the Eisenhower administration of violating the Constitution by assuming powers reserved by the states. While he agreed that under the law, every state should have integrated its schools, each state should integrate in its own way."[41] There were high-ranking government officials following Goldwater's critical stance on the Eisenhower administration, even an Army General. "Fulbright's startling revelation that military personnel were being indoctrinated with the idea that the policies of the Commander in Chief were treasonous dovetailed with the return to the news of the strange case of General Edwin Walker."[42]

In his 1960 book *The Conscience of a Conservative*, Goldwater stated that he supported the stated objectives of the Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, but argued that the federal government had no role in ordering states to desegregate public schools. He wrote:

I believe that it is both wise and just for negro children to attend the same schools as whites, and that to deny them this opportunity carries with it strong implications of inferiority. I am not prepared, however, to impose that judgement of mine on the people of Mississippi or South Carolina, or to tell them what methods should be adopted and what pace should be kept in striving toward that goal. That is their business, not mine. I believe that the problem of race relations, like all social and cultural problems, is best handled by the people directly concerned. Social and cultural change, however desirable, should not be effected by the engines of national power."[43]

Goldwater voted in favor of both the Civil Rights Act of 1957 and the 24th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, but did not vote on the Civil Rights Act of 1960 because he was absent from the chamber while Senate Minority Whip Thomas Kuchel (R-CA) announced that Goldwater would have voted in favor if present.[44] [45][46][47] While he did vote in favor of it while in committee, Goldwater reluctantly voted against the Civil Rights Act of 1964 when it came to the floor.[48] Later, Goldwater would state that he was mostly in support of the bill, but he disagreed with Titles II and VII, which both dealt with employment, making him imply that the law would end in the government dictating hiring and firing policy for millions of Americans.[49] Congressional Republicans overwhelmingly supported the bill, with Goldwater being joined by only five other Republican senators in voting against it.[50][51] It is likely that Goldwater significantly underestimated the effect this would have, as his vote against the bill hurt him with voters across the country, including from his own party. In the 1990s, Goldwater would call his vote on the Civil Rights Act "one of his greatest regrets." [31] Goldwater was absent from the Senate during President John F. Kennedy's nomination of Byron White to Supreme Court on April 11, 1962,[52] but was present when Arthur Goldberg was unanimously confirmed. [53]

1964 presidential election

See also: 1964 United States presidential election

Goldwater's direct style had made him extremely popular with the Republican Party's suburban conservative voters, based in the South and the senator's native West. Following the success of *The Conscience of a Conservative*, Goldwater became the frontrunner for the GOP Presidential nomination to run against John F. Kennedy.[54] Despite their disagreements on politics, Goldwater and Kennedy had grown to become close friends during the eight years they served alongside each other in the Senate. With Goldwater the clear GOP frontrunner, he and Kennedy began planning to campaign together, holding Lincoln-Douglas style debates across the country and avoiding a race defined by the kind of negative attacks that were increasingly coming to define American politics.[55][56]

Republican primary

See also: Barry Goldwater 1964 presidential campaign and 1964 Republican Party presidential primaries

Republican primaries results by state

No primary held

John W. Byrnes

Barry Goldwater

Henry Cabot Lodge Jr.

James A. Rhodes

Nelson Rockefeller

William W. Scranton

In South Dakota and Florida, Goldwater finished second to "unpledged delegates", but he finished before all other candidates.

Goldwater was grief-stricken[57] by the assassination of Kennedy and was greatly disappointed that his opponent in 1964 would not be Kennedy but instead his vice

president, former Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas.[58] Goldwater disliked Johnson, later telling columnist John Kolbe that Johnson had "used every dirty trick in the bag." [59]

At the time of Goldwater's presidential candidacy, the Republican Party was split between its conservative wing (based in the West and South) and moderate/liberal wing, sometimes called Rockefeller Republicans (based in the Northeast and Midwest). Goldwater alarmed even some of his fellow partisans with his brand of staunch fiscal conservatism and militant anti-communism. He was viewed by many moderate and liberal Republicans as being too far on the right wing of the political spectrum to appeal to the mainstream majority necessary to win a national election. As a result, moderate and liberal Republicans recruited a series of opponents, including New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller, Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania Governor William Scranton, to challenge him. Goldwater received solid backing from most of the few Southern Republicans then in politics. A young Birmingham lawyer, John Grenier, secured commitments from 271 of 279 Southern convention delegates to back Goldwater. Grenier would serve as executive director of the national GOP during the Goldwater campaign, the number two position to party chairman Dean Burch of Arizona. Goldwater fought and won a multi-candidate race for the Republican Party's presidential nomination.

#### 1964 Republican National Convention

See also: 1964 Republican National Convention

Eisenhower gave his support to Goldwater when he told reporters, "I personally believe that Goldwater is not an extremist as some people have made him, but in any event we're all Republicans." [60] His nomination was staunchly opposed by the so-called Liberal Republicans, who thought Goldwater's demand for active measures to defeat the Soviet Union would foment a nuclear war. In addition to Rockefeller, prominent Republican office-holders refused to endorse Goldwater's candidacy, including both Republican senators from New York Kenneth B. Keating and Jacob Javits, Pennsylvania governor William Scranton, Michigan governor George Romney and Congressman John V. Lindsay (NY-17). [61] Rockefeller Republican Jackie Robinson walked out of the convention in disgust over Goldwater's nomination. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., who was Richard Nixon's running mate in 1960, also opposed Goldwater, calling his proposal of realigning the Democrat and Republican parties into two Liberal and Conservative parties "totally abhorrent" and thought that no one in their right mind should oppose the federal government in having a role in the future of America. [62] [63] [64]

In the face of such opposition, Goldwater delivered a well-received acceptance speech. According to the author Lee Edwards: "[Goldwater] devoted more care [to it] than to any other speech in his political career. And with good reason: he would deliver it to the largest and most attentive audience of his life." [65] Journalist John Adams commented: "his acceptance speech was bold, reflecting his conservative views, but not irrational. Rather than shrinking from those critics who accuse him of extremism, Goldwater challenged them head-on" in his acceptance speech at the 1964 Republican Convention. [66] In his own words:

I would remind you that extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice! [40 seconds of applause by the crowd] And let me remind you also that moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue! [10 seconds of applause] [67] [68] [69]

His paraphrase of Cicero was included at the suggestion of Harry V. Jaffa, though the speech was primarily written by Karl Hess. Because of President Johnson's popularity, Goldwater refrained from attacking the president directly. He did not mention Johnson by name at all in his convention speech. [citation needed]

Although raised as an Episcopalian, [70] Goldwater was the first candidate of Jewish descent, through his father, to be nominated for president by a major American party. [71] [72]

#### 1964 general presidential campaign

President Lyndon B. Johnson with U.S. Senator Goldwater on January 16, 1964. After securing the Republican presidential nomination, Goldwater chose his political ally, RNC Chairman William E. Miller, to be his running mate. Goldwater joked he chose Miller because "he drives Johnson nuts".[73] In choosing Miller, Goldwater opted for a running mate who was ideologically aligned with his own conservative wing of the Republican party. Miller balanced the ticket in other ways, being a practicing Catholic from the East Coast.[73] Miller had low name recognition[73] but was popular in the Republican party and viewed as a skilled political strategist.[74]

Former U.S. senator Prescott Bush, a moderate Republican from Connecticut, was a friend of Goldwater and supported him in the general election campaign.

Future chief justice of the United States and fellow Arizonan William H. Rehnquist also first came to the attention of national Republicans through his work as a legal adviser to Goldwater's presidential campaign. Rehnquist had begun his law practice in 1953 in the firm of Denison Kitchel of Phoenix, Goldwater's national campaign manager and friend of nearly three decades.[75]

Goldwater's advocacy of active interventionism to prevent the spread of communism and defend American values and allies led to effective counterattacks from Lyndon B. Johnson and his supporters, who said that Goldwater's militancy would have dire consequences, possibly even nuclear war. In a May 1964 speech, Goldwater suggested that nuclear weapons should be treated more like conventional weapons and used in Vietnam, specifically that they should have been used at Dien Bien Phu in 1954 to defoliate trees.[76] Regarding Vietnam, Goldwater charged that Johnson's policy was devoid of "goal, course, or purpose," leaving "only sudden death in the jungles and the slow strangulation of freedom".[77] Goldwater's rhetoric on nuclear war was viewed by many as quite uncompromising, a view buttressed by off-hand comments such as, "Let's lob one into the men's room at the Kremlin." [78] He also advocated that field commanders in Vietnam and Europe should be given the authority to use tactical nuclear weapons (which he called "small conventional nuclear weapons") without presidential confirmation.[79]

A bumper sticker from Goldwater's 1964 presidential campaign, representing the Goldwater surname as Au = gold and H<sub>2</sub>O = water=

Goldwater countered the Johnson attacks by criticizing the administration for its perceived ethical lapses, and stating in a commercial that "we, as a nation, are not far from the kind of moral decay that has brought on the fall of other nations and people.... I say it is time to put conscience back in government. And by good example, put it back in all walks of American life." Goldwater campaign commercials included statements of support by actor Raymond Massey[80] and moderate Republican senator Margaret Chase Smith.[81]

Before the 1964 election, Fact magazine, published by Ralph Ginzburg, ran a special issue titled, "The Unconscious of a Conservative: A Special Issue on the Mind of Barry Goldwater". The two main articles contended that Goldwater was mentally unfit to be president. The magazine supported this claim with the results of a poll of board-certified psychiatrists. Fact had mailed questionnaires to 12,356 psychiatrists, receiving responses from 2,417, of whom 1,189 said Goldwater was mentally incapable of holding the office of president. Most of the other respondents declined to diagnose Goldwater because they had not clinically interviewed him but said that, although not psychologically unfit to preside, Goldwater would be negligent in the role.[82][83]

After the election, Goldwater sued the publisher, the editor and the magazine for libel in Goldwater v. Ginzburg. "Although the jury awarded Goldwater only \$1.00 in compensatory damages against all three defendants, it went on to award him punitive damages of \$25,000 against Ginzburg and \$50,000 against Fact magazine, Inc." [84] According to Warren Boroson, then-managing editor of Fact and later a financial columnist, the main biography of Goldwater in the magazine

was written by David Bar-Illan, the Israeli pianist.[85]

Political advertising

See also: Daisy (advertisement)

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President Johnson's anti-Goldwater "Daisy" advertisement

A Democratic campaign advertisement known as Daisy showed a young girl counting daisy petals, from one to ten. Immediately following this scene, a voiceover counted down from ten to one. The child's face was shown as a still photograph followed by images of nuclear explosions and mushroom clouds. The campaign advertisement ended with a plea to vote for Johnson, implying that Goldwater (though not mentioned by name) would provoke a nuclear war if elected. The advertisement, which featured only a few spoken words and relied on imagery for its emotional impact, was one of the most provocative in American political campaign history, and many analysts credit it as being the birth of the modern style of "negative political ads" on television. The ad aired only once and was immediately pulled, but it was then shown many times by local television stations covering the controversy.[86]

Goldwater did not have ties to the Ku Klux Klan (KKK), but he was publicly endorsed by members of the organization.[87][88] Lyndon B. Johnson exploited this association during the elections,[89][90][91] but Goldwater barred the KKK from supporting him and denounced them.[92]

Throughout the presidential campaign, Goldwater refused to appeal to racial tensions or backlash against civil rights. After the outbreak of the Harlem riot of 1964, Goldwater privately gathered news reporters on his campaign plane and said that if anyone attempted to sow racial violence on his political behalf, he would withdraw from the presidential race—even if it was the day before the election.[93]

Past comments came back to haunt Goldwater throughout the campaign. He had once called the Eisenhower administration "a dime-store New Deal", and the former president never fully forgave him. However, Eisenhower did film a television commercial with Goldwater.[94] Eisenhower qualified his voting for Goldwater in November by remarking that he had voted not specifically for Goldwater, but for the Republican Party.[95] In December 1961, Goldwater had told a news conference that "sometimes I think this country would be better off if we could just saw off the Eastern Seaboard and let it float out to sea." That comment boomeranged on him during the campaign in the form of a Johnson television commercial,[96] as did remarks about making Social Security voluntary,[97] and statements in Tennessee about selling the Tennessee Valley Authority, a large local New Deal employer.[98]

The Goldwater campaign spotlighted Ronald Reagan, who appeared in a campaign ad.[99] In turn, Reagan gave a stirring, nationally televised speech, "A Time for Choosing", in support of Goldwater.

## Results

Electoral College results by state

Goldwater only won his home state of Arizona and five states in the Deep South. The Southern states, traditionally Democratic up to that time, voted Republican primarily as a statement of opposition to the Civil Rights Act,[100] which had been signed into law by Johnson earlier that year. Despite Johnson's support for the Civil Rights Act, the bill received split support from Congressional Democrats due to southerner opposition. In contrast, Congressional Republicans overwhelmingly supported the bill, with Goldwater being joined by only 5 other Republican senators in voting against it.[50][51]

In the end, Goldwater received 38% of the popular vote and carried just six states: his home state of Arizona (with 51% of the popular vote) and the core states of the Deep South: Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina. All except Arizona were states that had voted against Republican

nominee Richard Nixon just four years earlier. In carrying Georgia by a margin of 54-45%, Goldwater became the first Republican nominee to win the state.

Goldwater's poor showing pulled down many supporters. Of the 57 Republican Congressmen who endorsed Goldwater before the convention, 20 were defeated for reelection, along with many promising young Republicans. In contrast, Republican Congressman John Lindsay (NY-17), who refused to endorse Goldwater, was handily re-elected in a district where Democrats held a 10% overall advantage.[101] On the other hand, the defeat of so many older politicians created openings for young conservatives to move up the ladder. While the loss of moderate Republicans was temporary—they were back by 1966—Goldwater also permanently pulled many conservative Southerners and whites out of the New Deal Coalition. [102]

According to Steve Kornacki of Salon, "Goldwater broke through and won five [Southern] states—the best showing in the region for a GOP candidate since Reconstruction. In Mississippi—where Franklin D. Roosevelt had won nearly 100 percent of the vote 28 years earlier—Goldwater claimed a staggering 87 percent." [103] It has frequently been argued that Goldwater's strong performance in Southern states previously regarded as Democratic strongholds foreshadowed a larger shift in electoral trends in the coming decades that would make the South a Republican bastion (an end to the "Solid South")—first in presidential politics and eventually at the congressional and state levels, as well. [104] Also, Goldwater's uncompromising promotion of freedom was the start of a continuing shift in American politics from liberalism to a conservative economic philosophy. [105]

Return to U.S. Senate

Goldwater speaking at the 1968 Republican National Convention

Goldwater meeting with President Ronald Reagan in the Oval Office in December 1984

Throughout the late 1970s, as the conservative wing under Ronald Reagan gained control of the Republican Party, Goldwater concentrated on his Senate duties, especially in military affairs. Goldwater purportedly did not like Richard Nixon on either a political or personal level, later calling the California Republican "the most dishonest individual I have ever met in my life". [58] Accordingly, he played little part in Nixon's election or administration, but he helped force Nixon's resignation in 1974. [106] On August 7, 1974, at the height of the Watergate scandal, Goldwater led a delegation, which also included House Republican Leader John Jacob Rhodes and Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott, who met with Nixon at the White House and urged him to resign. [107] At the time, Nixon's impeachment by the House of Representatives was imminent and Goldwater warned him that fewer than 10 Republican senators would vote against conviction. [108]

Despite being a difficult year for Republicans candidates, the 1974 election saw Goldwater easily reelected over his Democratic opponent, Jonathan Marshall, the publisher of The Scottsdale Progress. [109]

With regard to the 1976 Republican ticket, Goldwater helped block Nelson Rockefeller's renomination as vice president. When Reagan challenged Gerald Ford for the presidential nomination in 1976, Goldwater endorsed the incumbent Ford, looking for consensus rather than conservative idealism. As one historian notes, "The Arizonan had lost much of his zest for battle." [110][111][112]

In 1979, when President Carter normalized relations with Communist China, Goldwater and some other Senators sued him in the Supreme Court, arguing that the President could not terminate the Sino-American Mutual Defense Treaty with the Republic of China (Taiwan) without the approval of Congress. The case, *Goldwater v. Carter* (444 U.S. 996), was dismissed by the court as a political question.



On June 9, 1969, Goldwater was absent during President Nixon's nomination of Warren E. Burger as Chief Justice of the United States while Senate Minority Whip Hugh Scott announced that Goldwater would have voted in favor if present.[113] Goldwater voted in favor of Nixon's failed Supreme Court nomination of Clement Haynsworth on November 21, 1969,[114] and a few months later, Goldwater voted in favor of Nixon's failed Supreme Court nomination of Harrold Carswell on April 8, 1970.[115] The following month, Goldwater was absent when Nixon nominee Harry Blackmun was confirmed on May 12, 1970, while Senate Minority Whip Robert P. Griffin announced that Goldwater would have voted in favor if present.[116] On December 6, 1971, Goldwater voted in favor of Nixon's nomination of Lewis F. Powell Jr.,[117] and on December 10, Goldwater voted in favor of Nixon's nomination of William Rehnquist as Associate Justice.[118] On December 17, 1975, Goldwater voted in favor of President Gerald Ford's nomination of John Paul Stevens to the Supreme Court.[119]

#### Final campaign and U.S. Senate term

President Reagan and U.S. Senator Goldwater award retired U.S. Air Force General Jimmy Doolittle with a fourth star in April 1985  
With his fourth Senate term due to end in January 1981, Goldwater seriously considered retiring from the Senate in 1980 before deciding to run for one final term. It was a surprisingly tough campaign for re-election. Goldwater was viewed by some as out of touch and vulnerable for several reasons, chiefly because he had planned to retire in 1981 and he had not visited many areas of Arizona outside of Phoenix and Tucson. Additionally, his Democratic challenger, Bill Schulz, proved to be a formidable opponent. A former Republican and a wealthy real estate developer, Schulz's campaign slogan was "Energy for the Eighties." Arizona's changing population also hurt Goldwater. The state's population had greatly increased, and a large portion of the electorate had not lived in the state at the time Goldwater was previously elected, meaning unlike most incumbents, many voters were less familiar with Goldwater's actual beliefs. Goldwater spent most of the campaign on the defensive. Although he was eventually declared as the winning candidate in the general election by a very narrow margin, receiving 49.5% of the vote to Schulz's 48.4%, [120] early returns on election night indicated that Schulz would win. The counting of votes continued through the night and into the next morning. At around daybreak, Goldwater learned that he had been reelected thanks to absentee ballots, which were among the last to be counted.[121]

Goldwater's close victory in 1980 came despite Reagan's 61% landslide over Jimmy Carter in Arizona. Despite Goldwater's struggles, in 1980, Republicans were able to pick up 12 senate seats, regaining control of the chamber for the first time since 1955, when Goldwater was in his first term. Goldwater was now in the most powerful position he had ever been in the Senate. In October 1983, Goldwater voted against the legislation establishing Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a federal holiday.[122]

On September 21, 1981, Goldwater voted in favor of Reagan's Supreme Court nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor.[123] Goldwater was absent during the nominations of William Rehnquist as Chief Justice of the United States and Antonin Scalia as Associate Justice on September 17, 1986.[124][125]

After the new Senate convened in January 1981, Goldwater became chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee. In this role he clashed with the Reagan administration in April 1984 when he discovered that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) had been mining the waters of Nicaragua since February, something that he had first denied when the matter was raised.[126] In a note to the CIA director William Casey, Goldwater denounced what he called an "act of war", saying that "this is no way to run a railroad" as he stated crossly that only Congress had the power to declare war and accused the CIA of illegally mining Nicaraguan waters without the permission of Congress.[126] Goldwater concluded, "The President has asked us to back his foreign policy. Bill, how can we back his foreign policy when we don't know what the hell he is doing? Lebanon, yes, we all knew that he sent troops over there. But mine the harbors in Nicaragua?

This is an act violating international law. It is an act of war. For the life of me, I don't see how we are going to explain it."[126] Goldwater felt compelled to issue an apology on the floor of the Senate because the Senate Intelligence Committee had failed in its duties to oversee the CIA as he stated, saying, "I am forced to apologize for the members of my committee because I did not know the facts on this case. And I apologize to all the members of the Senate for the same reason".[127] Goldwater subsequently voted for a Congressional resolution condemning the mining.[126]

In his 1980 Senate reelection campaign, Goldwater won support from religious conservatives but in his final term voted consistently to uphold legal abortion and in 1981 gave a speech on how he was angry about the bullying of American politicians by religious organizations and would "fight them every step of the way".[128][129]

He introduced the 1984 Cable Franchise Policy and Communications Act, which allowed local governments to require the transmission of public, educational, and government access (PEG) channels, barred cable operators from exercising editorial control over the content of programs carried on PEG channels and absolved them from liability for their content. On May 12, 1986, Goldwater was presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Reagan.

In response to Moral Majority founder Jerry Falwell's opposition to the nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor to the Supreme Court, of which Falwell had said, "Every good Christian should be concerned", Goldwater retorted, "Every good Christian ought to kick Falwell right in the ass."[130][131] According to John Dean, Goldwater actually suggested that good Christians ought to kick Falwell in the "nuts", but the news media "changed the anatomical reference".[132][page needed] Goldwater also had harsh words for his one-time political protégé, President Reagan, particularly after the Iran-Contra Affair became public in 1986. Journalist Robert MacNeil, a friend of Goldwater's from the 1964 presidential campaign, recalled interviewing him in his office shortly afterward. "He was sitting in his office with his hands on his cane... and he said to me, 'Well, aren't you going to ask me about the Iran arms sales?' It had just been announced that the Reagan administration had sold arms to Iran. And I said, 'Well, if I asked you, what would you say?' He said, 'I'd say it's the god-damned stupidest foreign policy blunder this country's ever made!'"[133] Aside from the Iran-Contra scandal, Goldwater thought nonetheless that Reagan was a good president.[134]

#### Retirement

Goldwater said later that the close result in 1980 convinced him not to run again.[135] He retired in 1987, serving as Chair of the Senate Intelligence and Armed Services Committees in his final term. Despite his reputation as a firebrand in the 1960s, by the end of his career, he was considered a stabilizing influence in the Senate, one of the most respected members of either major party. Although Goldwater remained staunchly anti-communist and "hawkish" on military issues, he was a key supporter of the fight for ratification of the Panama Canal Treaty in the 1970s, which would give control of the canal zone to the Republic of Panama. His most important legislative achievement may have been the Goldwater-Nichols Act, which reorganized the U.S. military's senior-command structure.

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Goldwater became most associated with anti-union work and anti-communism; he was a supporter of the conservative coalition in Congress. His work on labor issues led Congress to pass major anti-labor reforms in 1957, and subsequently a campaign by the AFL-CIO to challenge his 1958 reelection bid. He voted against the censure of Senator Joseph McCarthy in 1954, who had been making unfounded claims about communists infiltrating the U.S. State Department during the Red Scare, but never actually accused any individual of being a communist or Soviet agent. Goldwater emphasized his strong opposition to the worldwide spread of communism in his 1960 book *The Conscience of a Conservative*. The book became an important reference text in conservative political circles.

In 1964, Goldwater ran a conservative campaign that emphasized states' rights. [136] Goldwater's 1964 campaign was a magnet for conservatives since he opposed interference by the federal government in state affairs. Goldwater voted in favor of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 and the 24th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution,[44][45][47] but did not vote on the Civil Rights Act of 1960 because he was absent from the chamber, with Senate Minority Whip Thomas Kuchel (R-CA) announcing that Goldwater would have voted in favor if present.[46] Though Goldwater had supported the original Senate version of the bill, Goldwater voted against the Civil Rights Act of 1964.[48] His public stance was based on his view that Article II and Article VII of the Act interfered with the rights of private persons to do or not to do business with whomever they chose and believed that the private employment provisions of the Act would lead to racial quotas.[137] In the segregated city of Phoenix in the 1950s, he had quietly supported civil rights for blacks, but would not let his name be used. [138]

All this appealed to white Southern Democrats, and Goldwater was the first Republican to win the electoral votes of all of the Deep South states (South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana) since Reconstruction.[50] However, Goldwater's vote on the Civil Rights Act proved devastating to his campaign everywhere outside the South (besides Dixie, Goldwater won only in Arizona, his home state), contributing to his landslide defeat in 1964.

Goldwater's campaign also included stringently fiscally conservative policies. Goldwater was strongly critical of Johnson's war on poverty policies and argued that it might be the "attitude or the actions" of the poor that are responsible for their hardship. In his prepared speech before the Economic Club of New York, Goldwater also claimed that arguing unemployment and poverty are caused by lack of education is "like saying that people have big feet because they wear big shoes. The fact is that most people who have no skill have no education for the same reason—low intelligence or low ambition." [139] Goldwater also called for ending agricultural subsidies, privatizing Social Security, and privatizing the Tennessee Valley Authority.[140]

While Goldwater had been depicted by his opponents in the Republican primaries as a representative of a conservative philosophy that was extreme and alien, his voting records show that his positions were in generally aligned with those of other Republicans in the Congress.

Goldwater fought in 1971 to stop U.S. funding of the United Nations after the People's Republic of China was admitted to the organization. He said:

I suggested on the floor of the Senate today that we stop all funds for the United Nations. Now, what that'll do to the United Nations, I don't know. I have a hunch it would cause them to fold up, which would make me very happy at this particular point. I think if this happens, they can well move their headquarters to Peking or Moscow and get 'em out of this country.[141]

Goldwater and revival of American conservatism

Although Goldwater was not as important in the American conservative movement as Ronald Reagan after 1965, he shaped and redefined the movement from the late 1950s to 1964. Arizona Senator John McCain, who succeeded Goldwater in the Senate in 1987, said of Goldwater's legacy, "He transformed the Republican Party from an Eastern elitist organization to the breeding ground for the election of Ronald Reagan." [142] Columnist George Will remarked that Reagan's victory in the 1980 presidential election was the metaphoric culmination of 16 years of counting the votes for Goldwater from the 1964 presidential race.[143]

The Republican Party recovered from the 1964 election debacle, acquiring 47 seats in the House of Representatives in the 1966 mid-term election. In January 1969, after Goldwater had been re-elected to the Senate, he wrote an article in the National Review "affirming that he [was] not against liberals, that liberals are needed as a counterweight to conservatism, and that he had in mind a fine liberal like Max Lerner." [144]

Goldwater was a strong supporter of environmental protection, saying in 1965:

I feel very definitely that the [Nixon] administration is absolutely correct in cracking down on companies and corporations and municipalities that continue to pollute the nation's air and water. While I am a great believer in the free competitive enterprise system and all that it entails, I am an even stronger believer in the right of our people to live in a clean and pollution-free environment. To this end, it is my belief that when pollution is found, it should be halted at the source, even if this requires stringent government action against important segments of our national economy.[145]

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Goldwater signing autographs at the Fiesta Bowl parade in 1983

By the 1980s, with Ronald Reagan as president and the growing involvement of the religious right in conservative politics, Goldwater's libertarian views on personal issues were revealed; he believed that they were an integral part of true conservatism. Goldwater viewed abortion as a matter of personal choice and as such supported abortion rights.[146] As a passionate defender of personal liberty, he saw the religious right's views as an encroachment on personal privacy and individual liberties.[147] Although he voted against making Martin Luther King's birthday a national holiday in his last term as senator, Goldwater later expressed support for it.[148]

In 1987, he received the Langley Gold Medal from the Smithsonian Institution. In 1988, Princeton University's American Whig-Clisophic Society awarded Goldwater the James Madison Award for Distinguished Public Service in recognition of his career.[149]

After his retirement in 1987, Goldwater described Arizona Governor Evan Mecham as "hardheaded" and called on him to resign, and two years later stated that the Republican party had been taken over by a "bunch of kooks".[150]

During the 1988 presidential campaign, he told vice-presidential nominee Dan Quayle at a campaign event in Arizona, "I want you to go back and tell George Bush to start talking about the issues." [151]

Some of Goldwater's statements in the 1990s alienated many social conservatives. He endorsed Democrat Karan English in an Arizona congressional race, urged Republicans to lay off Bill Clinton over the Whitewater scandal, and criticized the military's ban on homosexuals,[152] saying, "Everyone knows that gays have served honorably in the military since at least the time of Julius Caesar", [153] and, "You don't need to be 'straight' to fight and die for your country. You just need to shoot straight." [154] A few years before his death, he addressed establishment Republicans by saying, "Do not associate my name with anything you do. You are extremists, and you've hurt the Republican party much more than the Democrats have." [155]

In a 1994 interview with The Washington Post, Goldwater said:

When you say "radical right" today, I think of these moneymaking ventures by fellows like Pat Robertson and others who are trying to take the Republican party and make a religious organization out of it. If that ever happens, kiss politics goodbye.[152]

Also in November 1994, he repeated his concerns about religious groups attempting to gain control of the Republican party, saying,[156]

[The] Republicans are selling their soul to win elections. Mark my word, if and when these preachers get control of the party, and they're sure trying to do so, it's going to be a terrible damn problem. Frankly, these people frighten me. Politics and governing demand compromise. The government won't work without it. But these Christians believe they are acting in the name of God, so they can't and won't compromise. I know, I've tried to deal with them.

In 1996, he told Bob Dole, whose own presidential campaign received lukewarm support from conservative Republicans, "We're the new liberals of the Republican party. Can you imagine that?" [157] In that same year, with Senator Dennis DeConcini, Goldwater endorsed an Arizona initiative to legalize medical marijuana against the countervailing opinion of social conservatives.[158]

Personal life

In 1934, Goldwater married Margaret "Peggy" Johnson, daughter of a prominent

industrialist from Muncie, Indiana. The couple had four children: Joanne (born January 18, 1936), Barry Jr. (born July 15, 1938), Michael (born March 15, 1940), and Peggy (born July 27, 1944). Goldwater became a widower in 1985 and, in 1992, he married Susan Wechsler, a nurse 32 years his junior.[159] Goldwater's son Barry Goldwater Jr. served as a Republican Congressman, representing California from 1969 to 1983.

Goldwater's grandson, Ty Ross, is an interior designer and former Zoli model. Ross, who is openly gay and HIV positive, has been credited as inspiring the elder Goldwater "to become an octogenarian proponent of gay civil rights".[160] [161]

Goldwater ran track[162] and cross country in high school, where he specialized in the 880 yard run. In 1940, he became one of the first to run the Colorado River recreationally through the Grand Canyon, participating as an oarsman on Norman Nevills' second commercial river trip. Goldwater joined them in Green River, Utah, and rowed his own boat down to Lake Mead.[163] In 1970, the Arizona Historical Foundation published the daily journal Goldwater had maintained on the Grand Canyon journey, including his photographs, in a 209-page volume titled *Delightful Journey*.

In 1963, he joined the Arizona Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was also a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and Sigma Chi fraternity. He belonged to both the York Rite and Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and was awarded the 33rd degree in the Scottish Rite.

#### Hobbies and interests

##### Amateur radio

Goldwater was an avid amateur radio operator from the early 1920s, with the call signs 6BPI, K3UIG and K7UGA.[164][165] The last one is used by an Arizona club honoring him as a commemorative call. During the Vietnam War he was a Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) operator.[166]

Goldwater was a spokesman for amateur radio and its enthusiasts. Beginning in 1969 and for the rest of his life, he appeared in many educational and promotional films (and later videos) about the hobby, produced for the American Radio Relay League (the national society representing the interests of radio amateurs) by such producers as Dave Bell (W6AQ), ARRL Southwest Director John R. Griggs (W6KW), Alan Kaul (W6RCL), Forrest Oden (N6ENV), and Roy Neal (K6DUE). His first appearance was in Dave Bell's *The World of Amateur Radio* where Goldwater discussed the history of the hobby and demonstrated a live contact with Antarctica. His last on-screen appearance dealing with "ham radio" was in 1994, explaining an upcoming Earth-orbiting ham radio relay satellite.[citation needed]

Electronics was a hobby for Goldwater beyond amateur radio. He enjoyed assembling Heathkits,[167] completing more than 100 and often visiting their maker in Benton Harbor, Michigan, to buy more, before the company exited the kit business in 1992.[168]

##### Kachina dolls

Further information: Hopi Kachina figure

Most of the Kachina dolls at the Heard Museum were donated by Goldwater. In 1916, Goldwater visited the Hopi reservation with Phoenix architect John Rinker Kibby and obtained his first kachina doll. Eventually his collection had 437 dolls and was presented in 1969 to the Heard Museum in Phoenix.[169]

##### Photography

Goldwater was an amateur photographer and, in his estate, left some 15,000 of his images to three Arizona institutions. He was keen on candid photography. He became interested in the hobby after receiving a camera as a gift from his wife on their first Christmas. He used a 4×5 Graflex, Rolleiflex, 16 mm Bell and Howell motion picture camera, and 35 mm Nikkormat FT. He was a member of the

Royal Photographic Society from 1941, becoming a Life Member in 1948.[170]

For decades, he contributed photographs of his home state to Arizona Highways and was recognized for his Western landscapes and pictures of native Americans in the United States. Three books with his photographs are *People and Places* (1967); *Barry Goldwater and the Southwest* (1976); and *Delightful Journey*, (1940, reprinted 1970). Ansel Adams wrote a foreword to the 1976 book.[171]

Goldwater's photography interest occasionally crossed into his political career. John F. Kennedy, as president, would sometimes invite former congressional colleagues to the White House for a drink. On one occasion, Goldwater brought his camera and photographed President Kennedy. When Kennedy received the photo, he returned it to Goldwater with the inscription: "For Barry Goldwater—Whom I urge to follow the career for which he has shown such talent—photography!—from his friend—John Kennedy." This quip became a classic of American political humor after it was relayed by humorist Bennett Cerf. The photo was prized by Goldwater for the rest of his life and sold for \$17,925 in a 2010 Heritage auction.[172]

Son Michael Prescott Goldwater formed the Goldwater Family Foundation with the goal of making his father's photography available via the internet. (Barry Goldwater Photographs) was launched in September 2006 to coincide with the HBO documentary *Mr. Conservative*, produced by granddaughter CC Goldwater.

#### UFOs

On March 28, 1975, Goldwater wrote to Shlomo Arnon: "The subject of UFOs has interested me for some long time. About ten or twelve years ago I made an effort to find out what was in the building at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base where the information has been stored that has been collected by the Air Force, and I was understandably denied this request. It is still classified above Top Secret." [173] Goldwater further wrote that there were rumors the evidence would be released, and that he was "just as anxious to see this material as you are, and I hope we will not have to wait much longer". [173][174][175] The April 25, 1988, issue of *The New Yorker* carried an interview with Goldwater in which he recounted efforts to gain access to the room. [176] He did so again in a 1994 Larry King Live interview, saying: [174][175]

I think the government does know. I can't back that up, but I think that at Wright-Patterson field, if you could get into certain places, you'd find out what the Air Force and the government knows about UFOs ... I called Curtis LeMay and I said, 'General, I know we have a room at Wright-Patterson where you put all this secret stuff. Could I go in there?' I've never heard him get mad, but he got madder than hell at me, cussed me out, and said, 'Don't ever ask me that question again!' [177]

#### Death

The Goldwater Crypt, #64, at Episcopal Christ Church of the Ascension in Paradise Valley, Arizona

Goldwater's public appearances ended in late 1996 after he had a massive stroke. Family members disclosed he was also in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. He died on May 29, 1998, at the age of 89, at his long-time home in Paradise Valley, Arizona, of complications from the stroke. [178] His funeral was officiated by both a Christian minister and a rabbi. [179][180] His ashes were buried at Episcopal Christ Church of the Ascension in Paradise Valley. [181] A memorial statue was erected in a small park in Paradise Valley near his home and resting place, honoring his memory.

#### Legacy

##### Buildings and monuments

Among the buildings and monuments named after Barry Goldwater are the Barry M. Goldwater Terminal at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, Goldwater Memorial Park [182] in Paradise Valley, Arizona, the Barry Goldwater Air Force Academy Visitor Center at the United States Air Force Academy, and Barry Goldwater High School in northern Phoenix. In 2010, former Arizona Attorney

General Grant Woods, himself a Goldwater scholar and supporter, founded the Goldwater Women's Tennis Classic Tournament to be held annually at the Phoenix Country Club in Phoenix.[183] On February 11, 2015, a statue of Goldwater by Deborah Copenhaver Fellows was unveiled by U.S. House and Senate leaders at a dedication ceremony in National Statuary Hall of the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C.[184] Barry Goldwater Peak is the highest peak in the White Tank Mountains.[185]

On December 9, 2016, Phoenix Sky Harbor Air National Guard Base was renamed Goldwater Air National Guard Base in honor of him.[186]

#### Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship

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The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program was established by Congress in 1986.[187] Its goal is to provide a continuing source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians, and engineers by awarding scholarships to college students who intend to pursue careers in these fields.

The Scholarship is widely considered the most prestigious award in the U.S. conferred upon undergraduates studying the sciences. It is awarded to about 400 students (college sophomores and juniors) nationwide in the amount of \$7,500 per academic year (for their senior year, or junior and senior years).[188] It honors Goldwater's keen interest in science and technology.

#### Documentary

Goldwater's granddaughter, CC Goldwater, has co-produced with longtime friend and independent film producer Tani L. Cohen a documentary on Goldwater's life, *Mr. Conservative: Goldwater on Goldwater*, first shown on HBO on September 18, 2006.[189]

#### In popular culture

In his song "I Shall Be Free No. 10", Bob Dylan refers to Goldwater: "I'm liberal to a degree, I want everybody to be free. But if you think I'll let Barry Goldwater move in next door and marry my daughter, you must think I'm crazy." [190] In the 1965 film *The Bedford Incident*, the actor Richard Widmark playing the film's antagonist, Captain Eric Finlander of the fictional destroyer USS *Bedford*, modeled his character's mannerisms and rhetorical style after Goldwater.[191]

#### Military awards

Air Medal

American Campaign Medal

American Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with three bronze hourglasses

Army Commendation Medal

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with campaign star

Command Pilot Badge

European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal

Legion of Merit

Service Pilot Badge (former U.S. Army Air Forces rating)

World War II Victory Medal

#### Other awards

Presidential Medal of Freedom (1986)

American Legion Distinguished Service Medal

Marconi Gold Medal, Veteran Wireless Operators Association (1968)

Marconi Medal of Achievement (1968)

Bob Hope Five Star Civilian Award (1976)

Good Citizenship Award, Daughters of the American Revolution

33rd Degree Mason

The Douglas MacArthur Memorial Award

Top Gun Award, Luke Air Force Base

Order of Fifinella Award – Champion of the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) (1978)

Thomas D. White National Defense Award 1978



Conservative Digest Award (1980)  
Senator John Warner Award for Public Service in the field of Nuclear Disarmament (1983)  
Alexander M. Haig, Jr. Memorial Award (1983)  
National Congress of American Indians Congressional Award (1985)  
Space Pioneer Award, Sixth Space Development Conference (1987)  
James Madison Award, American Whig-Clisosophic Society (1988)  
National Aviation Hall of Fame (1982)[192]

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Goldwater (1988)

#### Relatives

Goldwater's son Barry Goldwater Jr. served as a Congressman from California from 1969 to 1983. He was the first Congressman to serve while having a father in the Senate. Goldwater's uncle Morris Goldwater served in the Arizona territorial and state legislatures and as mayor of Prescott, Arizona. Goldwater's nephew Don Goldwater sought the Republican nomination for governor of Arizona in 2006, but he was defeated by Len Munsil.

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Preceded by

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Republican nominee for U.S. Senator from Arizona  
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1952, 1958 Succeeded by

Paul Fannin

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1955–1957 Succeeded by

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Preceded by

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Thruston Morton

Preceded by

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Republican nominee for President of the United States  
1964 Succeeded by

Richard Nixon

Preceded by

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Republican nominee for U.S. Senator from Arizona  
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1968, 1974, 1980 Succeeded by

John McCain

U.S. Senate

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1953–1965

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 H. Alexander Smith  
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Geo-Magnetics

(Ottawa, Ont., November 24, 1950)

Memorandum to the Controller of Telecommunications:

For the past several years we have been engaged in the study of various aspects

of radio wave propagation. The vagaries of this phenomenon have led us into the fields of aurora, cosmic radiation, atmospheric radio-activity, and geo-magnetism. In the case of geo-magnetics our investigations have contributed little to our knowledge of radio wave propagation as yet, but nevertheless have indicated several avenues of investigation which may well be explored with profit. For example, we are on the track of a means whereby the potential energy of the earth's magnetic field may be abstracted and used.

On the basis of theoretical considerations a small and very crude experimental unit was constructed approximately a year ago and tested in our Standards Laboratory. The tests were essentially successful in that sufficient energy was abstracted from the earth's field to operate a voltmeter, approximately 50 millivolts. Although this unit was far from being self-sustaining, it nevertheless demonstrated the soundness of the basic principles in a qualitative manner and provided useful data for the design of a better unit.

The design is now completed for a unit which should be self-sustaining and in addition provide a small surplus of power. Such a unit, in addition to functioning as a "pilot power plant" should be large enough to permit the study of the various reaction forces which are expected to develop.

We believe that we are on the track of something which may well prove to be the introduction of a new technology. The existence of a different technology is borne out by the investigations which are being carried on at the present time in relation to flying saucers.

While in Washington attending the NARB Conference, two books were released, one titled "Behind the Flying Saucers" by Frank Scully, and the other "The Flying Saucers are Real" by Donald Keyhoe. Both books deal mostly with the sightings of unidentified objects and both books claim that flying object were of extra-terrestrial origin and might well be space ships from another planet. Scully claimed that the preliminary studies of one saucer that fell into the hands of the United States Government indicated that they operated on some hitherto unknown magnetic principles. It appeared to me that our own work in geo-magnetics might well be the linkage between our technology and the technology by which the saucers are designed and operated. If it is assumed that our geo-magnetic investigations are in the right direction, the theory of operation of the saucers becomes quite straightforward, with all observed features explained qualitatively and quantitatively.

I made discrete inquiries through the Canadian Embassy staff in Washington who were able to obtain for me the following information;

- a. The matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States Government, rating higher even than the H-bomb,
- b. Flying saucers exist.
- c. Their modus operandi is unknown but concentrated effort is being made by a small group headed by Dr. Vannavar Bush.
- d. The entire matter is considered by the United States authorities to be of tremendous significance.

I was further informed that the United States authorities are investigating along quite a number of lines which might possibly be related to the saucers such as mental phenomena and I gather that they are not doing too well since they indicated that if Canada is doing anything at all in geo-magnetics they would welcome a discussion with suitably accredited Canadians.

While I am not yet in a position to say that we have solved even the first problems in geo-magnetic energy release, I feel that the correlation between our basic theory and the available information on saucers checks too closely to be mere coincidence. It is my honest opinion that we are on the right track and are

fairly close to at least some of the answers.

Mr Wright, Defense Research Board liaison officer at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, was extremely anxious for us to get in touch with Dr Solandt, Chairman of the Defense Research Board, to discuss with him future investigation along the lines of geo-magnetic energy release.

I do not feel that we have as yet sufficient data to place before Defense Research Board which would enable a program to be initiated within organization, but I do feel that further research is necessary and I would prefer to see it done within the framework of our own organization with, of course, full cooperation and exchange of information with other interested bodies.

I discussed this matter fully with Dr Solandt, Chairman of Defense Research Board. On Novemebr 20th and placed before him as much information as I have been able to gather to date. Dr Solandt agreed that work on geo-magnetic energy should go forward as rapidly as possible and offered full cooperation of his Board in providing laboratory facilities, acquisition of necessary items of equipment, and specialized personnel for incidental work in the project. I indicated to Dr Solandt that we would prefer to keep the project within the Department of transport for the time being until we have obtained sufficient information to permit a complete assessment of the value of the work.

It is therefore recommended that a Projet be set up within the framework of this Section to study this problem and that the work be carried on a part time basis until such time as sufficient tangible results can be seen to warrant more definitive action. Cost of the program in its initial stages are expected to be less than a few hundred dollars and can be carried by our Radio Standards Lab appropriation.

Attached hereto is a draft of terms of reference for such a project which, if authorized, will enable us to proceed with this research work within our own organization.

W.B. Smith  
Senior Radio Engineer

Project Magnet  
(November 1952)

Purpose ~

This project is for the purpose of studying magnetic phenomena, particularly those phenomena resulting from unusual boundary conditions in the basic electromagnetic field. There is reason to believe their discovery will open up a new and useful technology.

Organization ~

The initial organization shall be as small as practical and composed of personnel who are used to working together, including so far as possible a variety of research abilities. Laboratory facilities are to be drawn from existing facilities so far as possible. Overall responsibility for the project shall rest with the engineer-in-charge, who shall delegate such responsibility to subordinates as maybe required to carry out the project.

Program ~

The initial program shall include the following avenues of investigations, to which others may be added from time top time as may appear expedient.

1. Theoretical study of electromagnetic radiation assuming boundary conditions different from those upon which the conventional theory was developed.

2. Laboratory study of mechanical forces associated with electron drift and electric currents in metallic masses.
3. Theoretical and laboratory study of magnetic domain resonance conditions in magnetic materials.
4. Investigation of the propagation of magnetic wave motion in magnetic materials.
5. Investigate the possibility of producing, an effect, a "sink" in a magnetic field.
6. Investigate the possibility of producing, in effect, single isolated magnetic poles.
7. Investigate the effects of a magnetic field on a rotating curvilinear metallic object.

Coordination ~

Full coordination is to be maintained, within security regulations, with other groups working on a parallel or associated problems. Project reports will be available on a classified basis to suitably accredited groups of individuals.

Security ~

As in the case with most fields of research, it is impossible to assess the results in advance, which might be obtained through this project. However, there exist certain suspicions that the lesser-known and little explored aspects of magnetism may hold the key to a new and significant technology. Consequently, it is intended to classify this work in its entirety until such time as it can be assessed for its impact on our civilization.

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This subject came up on other threads as part of a larger discussion concerning misinformation and coverups with regard to the US government and UFOs.

Unfortunately, it got jumbled up in 1 or 2 other threads and was somewhat off topic. It was an interesting discussion, and one I would like to start a thread on in the future, unless someone else does first.

One of the arguments was that the CIA's use of classified spy planes accounted for over 1/2 of the reported UFO sightings in the '50s and '60s and in turn

forced the USAF into lying or giving out misinformation to cover for these classified planes. Whether or not the USAF was untruthful or duplicitous is for another thread, but as for the claim of over 1/2 the UFOs being CIA planes, I thought I'd look into it.

Just for background, aviation buffs can skip over, for the time period we're talking about, mid 20th century, there are 2-3 CIA spy planes.

There is the Lockheed U2 Dragon Lady developed as Project Aquitaine in the mid '50s with the goal of overflying the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Though designed and built at the Lockheed "Skunk Works" in Burbank CA, it needed a secret place to be assembled and tested which led to the creation of Groom Lake/Area 51 in Nevada.

It can be thought of as big jet powered glider with very high-tech for the time cameras. It could fly at ~410mph and an altitude of 80,000' which was believed to be beyond the range of Soviet radar and even if partially detected, beyond the range of the Soviet Surface to Air Missiles (SAMs) and interceptors allowing it to violate Soviet air space and take pictures. Pretty brazen when one looks back at it.

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Several U2s made a number of overflights of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union in the late '50s until one piloted by Gary Powers was shot down in 1960. Modernized versions of the U2 are still used today, over 65 years after they were first flown.

The shoot down in 1960 prompted the CIA to look for an even higher and much faster flying aircraft with a smaller radar cross section. Known as Project Oxcart it resulted in the Lockheed A12 which was also built by the Skunk Works and tested at Area 51. The A12 was capable of Mach 3.3 at an altitude of 85,000'. First flown in 1962, they stopped flying in 1966 and were decommissioned in 1968 to be replaced with the similar but slightly larger version was known as the SR71 Blackbird and is what most people are familiar with today.

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The SR71 Blackbird was officially retired in 1998.

Originally shared by @tobigtofool, was this paywalled NYT article from 1997. Luckily @deirdre found a Wayback version for us:

<https://web.archive.org/web/2023060...mits-government-lied-about-ufo-sightings.html>

The story is by William Broad and gives some background to CIA spy flights:

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<https://www.cia.gov/static/cia-role-study-UFOs.pdf>

It reads less like a study and more like a history of the CIA's relation to UFOs, which makes sense giving what it was written for. As noted above, it appeared in Studies in Intelligence, a CIA periodical since 1955, with this as a giving mission statement:

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In the study the author makes 2 claims relevant here, first that UFO sighting went up with the introduction of the U2 (this is from a PDF that does not copy well, I tried to clean it up after pasting but some things may look wonky):

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According to later estimates from CIA officials who worked on the U2 project and the OXCART (SR-71, or Blackbird) project, over half of all UFO reports from the late 1950s through the 1960s were accounted for by manned reconnaissance flights (namely the U-2) over the United States.<sup>45</sup>

So, this is the source of the quote in the NYT article, and it appeared in other places I found including a MUFON article about it. But what is Haines source for the claims? The above quotes are footnoted 44, and 45 which leads to:

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Though a bit hard to read, the main claim is footnoted 49 which is at the bottom of the page:

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project\\_Blue\\_Book](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_Blue_Book)

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Just going with the average of 573 sightings per year we would get 8022 sightings between '55 and '69. If we are to go with the increase in sightings claimed after the U2 started flying that could be up to 10,000 sightings I suppose. But sticking with the 8022 figures, that would put "over 1/2 of the sightings" somewhere north of 4011.

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In June 1964, the last A-12 was delivered to Groom Lake, [22] from where the fleet made a total of 2,850 test flights. [21] A total of 18 aircraft were built through the program's production run.

The source for that is a paywalled LAT article from the Arts and Entertainment section by Annie Jacobsen. As I've noted in other threads, Jacobsen's book on the history of Area 51 is considered fairly accurate when discussing the U2 and A12 programs, before it goes off the rails and suggests ex-Nazis helped Stalin create/breed hideous dwarf humans to pilot small flying saucers. So, I guess will go with 2,850 for now:

External Quote:

21 Jacobsen, Annie. "The Road to Area 51." Los Angeles Times, 5 April 2009.  
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So, using the average of 573 sightings per year for the 2+ year period of '64-'66 that would be 1146 total sightings 1/2 of which is back to 573 and there were 2,850 test flights of the A12. So, only a 1/4 of those test flight could account for 1/2 of the UFO sightings, at least for that 2-year period. And that assumes pilots can actually "see" an A12. They were often at 80,000'+ and cruised at Mach 3.

Now does that extrapolate out to more than 4000 sightings between '55 and '69? I don't know.

By the late '50s the U2 was not completely unknown. It had been staged in the UK, Turkey, West Germany and Tiwan, in secret, but it's a big black glider like plane and hard to hide. Its cover story was that it was a weather research plane, something Israeli pilots thought when they intercepted one in 1959 (bold by me):

External Quote:

On 11 March 1959, two Israeli Super Mystère fighters were directed to intercept a U-2 detected over Israel by Israeli ground-based radar. Although the aircraft were unable to make an intercept, the formation leader, Major Yosef Alon, managed to get a good look at the aircraft. He subsequently identified it out of a book as a U-2, registered as a weather reconnaissance aircraft to the US Weather Service. On 22 July 1959, after an overflight was detected, an Israeli Air Force Vautour jet was deployed to photograph the mysterious aircraft. The Vautour came within visual range and the U-2 was successfully photographed. In spite of this, it was not until the 1960 shootdown of a U-2 over the Soviet Union and its subsequent public exposure as a spy plane that the Israeli government understood the identity of the mystery aircraft. [81][82][70]  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lockheed\\_U-2](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lockheed_U-2)

It's just the fact that it was spy plane that was concealed.

The numbers suggest that the central claim is plausible, but no numbers are giving to support it. Giving that the main source is ultimately 2 guys telling some CIA writers that this is what they thought in the '90s, I think a bit of hyperbole might be involved. It's very likely that the U2 and A12/SR71 accounted for a number of UFO sightings during their development, testing, training, and deployment. But after the 1960 shootdown, the U2 already known as a weather

research plane, was outed. Pilots were increasingly aware that the US had high flying capabilities. As far as accounting for over 4000 sightings in a 15 year period, I'm not so sure, but maybe?

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Ann K

Ann K

Senior Member.

Jul 25, 2023

#2

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deirdre

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Senior Member.

Jul 25, 2023

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deirdre

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Senior Member.

Jul 25, 2023

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this thread is only about this claim..hard to find in a wall of blue quotes i know.

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Scaramanga

Scaramanga

Senior Member

Jul 25, 2023

#5

I would not be at all surprised if some UFO reports from the 50s and 60s were due to U2 or other high altitude craft. But I think the claim of 'half' is almost certainly nonsense, because UFO reports are generally highly varied...with a wide range of distances, craft shape and size, time of day, etc. The likelihood that half of all UFO reports were high altitude spy planes seen by pilots is pretty small, when one considers the 12,600 cases reported to Project Blue Book...in which even a casual glance shows most cases do not match that signature.

NorCal Dave  
NorCal Dave  
Senior Member.  
Jul 25, 2023

#6

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Yeah, good question. When the claim is made "1/2 of all UFO sightings", there is no source or even a number of sightings giving. The article talks about Project Bluebook having to check with the U2/A12 project to cross reference sightings with flights, so I used the Bluebook numbers. I'm not really sure if it was only military and pilot UFOs that were investigated, it seems they looked into a number of cases from civilian sightings.

There were a variety of civilian UFO clubs and organizations that also collected sightings some of which eventually morphed into NICAP, APRO and MUFON among others. They would have had their own collection of UFO sighting with a number of them presumably crossing over with Bluebook, but it would suggest the number of 12,000 could have been much more.

I also found that in 1953 the USAF started a separate investigation group that took more sensitive cases. Maybe this is where cases of the spy planes being seen ended up:

External Quote:

The same month, investigative duties started to be taken on by the newly formed 4602nd Air Intelligence Squadron (AISS) of the Air Defense Command. The 4602nd AISS was assigned the task of investigating only the most important UFO cases with intelligence or national security implications. These cases were deliberately siphoned away from Blue Book, leaving Blue Book to deal with the more trivial reports.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project\\_Blue\\_Book](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_Blue_Book)

Eburacum  
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Senior Member.  
Jul 25, 2023

#7

My suggestion in the earlier thread was that 1/2 of all unexplained UFO reports may have been caused by spy planes and reconnaissance plane testing.

According to Gerald Haines in the article quoted earlier;

<https://sgp.fas.org/library/ciaufu.html#rft45>

The percentage of what the Air Force considered unexplained UFO sightings fell to 5.9 percent in 1955 and to 4 percent in 1956

So in 1956, 96% of UFO sightings already had explanations according to the USAF. I do not imagine that the fraction of explained sightings would change suddenly because of the launch of reconnaissance planes; approximately the same phenomena would be mistaken for alien spacecraft in 1957 as in 1956.

It seems very reasonable to believe that John Parongoski and James Cunningham intended this statistic only to refer to unexplained UFOs, but by carelessness or imprecision, they instead stated that 50% or more of all UFOs were caused by U2 and OXCART, a ridiculous assertion.

Half of all unexplained sightings (4%) would be only 2% of all sightings. This is a significantly different proposition, and may conceivably be true,.

Mendel

Mendel

Senior Member.

Jul 25, 2023

#8

Eburacum said:

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Yes, but clearly the project was able to explain these.

Eburacum

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Jul 26, 2023

#9

Perhaps.

We really don't have much data to confirm this. It sounds more like a back-of-the-envelope calculation rather than a reliable estimate.

NorCal Dave

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Jul 26, 2023

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If nothing else, for me this was a good exercise in sourcing and how what seems to be a good source is actually much more amorphous than it appeared.

It started as a quote in the NYT which most people put above British tabloids and Fox News. The Times was quoting a CIA study, so that seemed legit. But it turned out the source for the CIA study was another CIA study and a 30 year old recollection from a single person told over the phone. And that other CIA study that was 1/2 of the source seemed to be doing the same thing, getting a 30 recollection from a single guy.

What is presented as a solid researched claim, was in fact the opinion and memories of 2 guys, 30 years after the events took place.

IF (and this is a big if when dealing with Jacobson, but presumably she got these hard numbers from records) Jacobson's number of 2,850 test flights for Project Oxcart are correct and these took place over a few years, Parongoski was a very busy guy back then. There were a total of 18 A12s so that's an average of over 150 flights per plane. He would have had multiple planes in the air at a time then cycling them through maintenance and all with a radically new and advanced design aircraft.

One can imagine the phone conversation 30 years later:

Haines: "Mr. Parongoski, I understand you were in charge of flights for Project Oxcart?"

Parongoski: "Yes I was, we had these new fangled planes up in the sky all the time, thousands of flights. I was busy as hell and everything was classified and top secret."

Haines: " I read in a CIA report that according to a John Cunningham, the U2 may have accounted for over 1/2 of all UFO reports during it's testing and deployment."

Parongoski: "By God I'd think so. I bet all the A12's I was juggling in the sky accounted for over 1/2 of the UFO sightings, certainly in the mid '60s."

Haines hangs up and writes in his notebook: "Parongoski confirms earlier CIA study saying over 1/2 of all UFO reports are caused by spy planes."

AF\_Brat72

AF\_Brat72

New Member

Aug 16, 2023

#11

One day in the 1970s, a friend and I were at play in his yard when we looked up and spotted an unusual, never-before-seen (by us) black, triangular aircraft moving through clouds at high altitude. Thanks to mine and my friend's military aviation family backgrounds (his dad came out and watched it with us), it was determined the craft was likely a subsonic SR-71 Blackbird descending to a nearby (130 miles away -- nearby for a Blackbird) air force base.

For years I've always wondered about that, since the base it was headed to was not an operations hub for the Blackbird. But I was sure it was a Blackbird. Well... Google just landed me on a 2011 Blackbird forum discussion where a retired airman from the base in question delightfully recounted the time a Blackbird had an in-flight emergency and diverted to land at this base... in the 1970s. :)

NorCal Dave

NorCal Dave

Senior Member.

Aug 17, 2023

#12

AF\_Brat72 said:

we looked up and spotted an unusual, never-before-seen (by us) black, triangular aircraft moving through clouds at high altitude.

Had you parents not had an inkling what it was, it could have remained a "Black Triangle UFO" sighting.

I saw one once back in the '90s when they were still active, and I was living in Sacramento. Driving along I80 and there it was heading north! Certainly looked unique. I don't know if it was going to land at one of the Sacramento air bases (now decommissioned) or was heading to its home base at Beal AFB where U2s still operate out of.

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AF\_Brat72

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New Member

Aug 17, 2023

#13

NorCal Dave said:

Had you parents not had an inkling what it was, it could have remained a "Black Triangle UFO" sighting.

Indeed. I connected a few dots in the days & years after this sighting, dismissing all the stories I'd read about cigar shaped and triangular UFOs.

My Navy pilot brother once told me about a suspicious high speed, high altitude radar contact one of his buddy's at-sea unit dealt with. I'm not certain of the time frame, but the description he gave me sure sounded like a Blackbird

overflight -- and the unit was indeed advised to let the contact pass.

Mendel

Mendel

Senior Member.

Jun 10, 2025

#14

NorCal Dave said:

So, if we take the 2 primary sources for this claim, we have John Parongoski and James Cunningham saying the U2 and the Oxcart/A12/SR71 accounted for over 1/2 of all UFO sightings in the US in the late '50s and '60s.

Regarding James Cunningham, @James Carlson writes in "American, Credulous":

External Quote:

James Cunningham, however, according to Joseph J. Trento, author of The Secret History of the CIA, was "the CIA's 'go-to' man running the logistics of the U-2 program."

Curt Collins

Curt Collins

New Member

Jun 16, 2025

#15

Eburacum said:

My suggestion in the earlier thread was that 1/2 of all unexplained UFO reports may have been caused by spy planes and reconnaissance plane testing.

I agree with you. I studied this a bit and belie the 50% figure to hyperbole, aviation historian Curtis Peebles termed it an "off the cuff remark." Some how it became an official factoid. Even hardcore UFO skeptic/debunker Robert Sheaffer rejects the 50% figure. <https://badufos.blogspot.com/2015/01/did-cia-u2-flights-really-cause-50-of.html>

Now if you add in US government balloon-based spy and weather platforms to the mix, the 50% figure becomes plausible in regards to 1947-1960 UFO reports.

Mendel

Mendel

Senior Member.

Jun 16, 2025

#16

How much of the current (say, past 2 years) UFO reports are attributable to Starlink?

Tezcatlipoca

Senior Member.

Jun 16, 2025

#17

Curt Collins said:

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This I believe is the more proper way to read into the quote way above. He wasn't explicitly talking about every single report, he was contextually speaking to reports around specific locations that were part of programs he had knowledge of, where he was likely informed about the said reports believed by security staff to be connected to the program(s) of reference.

Eburacum

Eburacum

Senior Member.

Jun 17, 2025

#18

I agree with that interpretation.

But this 'off the cuff remark' is loosely worded and open to significant debate, so can't really be used as a reliable fact in discussions of this kind.



NorCal Dave  
NorCal Dave  
Senior Member.  
Jun 17, 2025  
#19

Curt Collins said:

Now if you add in US government balloon-based spy and weather platforms to the mix, the 50% figure becomes plausible in regards to 1947-1960 UFO reports.

Yes, but 50% of what number? The first obvious problem is that the whole notion was just an off hand comment by one person, backed up by one other person in a similar off hand comment. Both of which were 30 years after the fact. The unsubstantiated comments became almost like a CIA approved fact.

The bigger problem though, even if one wanted to see if the numbers add up, is the 50% of what question. I tried a bit in the OP, but just for fun and since we're talking about the CIA, I chose the project Bluebook numbers to play with. But, that was just one source of UFO sightings from one particular era. Even during the Bluebook days, IIRC, civilian organizations like NICAP and APRO and the beginnings of MUFON were collecting sightings. Some likely overlapped, but even today there is no central collection of sightings. UFOs are reported on everything from the MUFON web page to TikTok.

Without ever having a reliable number of sightings to begin with, saying any one thing accounted for 50% of them seems tenuous. Something that, in retrospect, should have been obvious when this claim first surfaced.

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The deceptions were made in the 1950's and 1960's amid a wave of U.F.O. sightings that alarmed the public and parts of official Washington.

The C.I.A. study says the Air Force knew that most reports by citizens and aviation experts were based on fleeting glimpses of U-2 and SR-71 spy planes, which fly extremely high.

Those planes were developed in the 1950's and 60's to photograph enemy targets. From secret bases, mainly in California and Nevada, the aircraft repeatedly flew across the country and eventually overseas to bases in countries that included Britain, West Germany and Taiwan.

While commercial airliners in the 1950's flew at altitudes of up to 30,000 feet, the U-2 soared to more than 60,000 feet and the SR-71 to more than 80,000 feet, or 15 miles, nearly the edge of space.

The planes carried powerful cameras to spy on foreign military installations and sensitive electronic gear to capture radio and radar transmissions. The spy craft were developed by the intelligence agency and often flown by the Air Force.

Rather than acknowledging the existence of the top-secret flights or saying nothing about them publicly, the Air Force decided to put out false cover stories, the C.I.A. study says. For instance, unusual observations that were actually spy flights were attributed to atmospheric phenomena like ice crystals and temperature inversions.

'Over half of all U.F.O. reports from the late 1950's through the 1960's were accounted for by manned reconnaissance flights' over the United States, the C.I.A. study says. 'This led the Air Force to make misleading and deceptive statements to the public in order to allay public fears and to protect an extraordinarily sensitive national security project.'

The study, 'C.I.A.'s Role in the Study of U.F.O.'s. 1947-90,' was written by Gerald K. Haines and appears in Studies of Intelligence, a secret Central Intelligence Agency journal. Five years ago, the agency began releasing unclassified versions of the journal yearly. The 1997 edition, with the study on unidentified objects, is at <http://www.odci.gov/csi/studies/97unclas/> on the World Wide Web.

Mr. Haines is a historian at the National Reconnaissance office, the

intelligence agency that builds and runs the nation's spy satellites.

The admission of Federal deception on the issue appears to be a first, experts said in interviews.

'It's very significant,' said Richard Hall, chairman of the Fund for UFO Research, a group in Washington. 'Certainly they've lied about not having any interest in the subject. But I don't know of any other deception like this.'

John E. Pike, head of space policy at the Federation of American Scientists, also based in Washington, said the admission raised questions about other Federal cover-ups involving UFO's.

'The flying-saucer community is definitely onto something,' in charging that the military is hiding something, Mr. Pike said.

There are two schools of thought on the nature of such a cover-up. One, from Mr. Pike and other aerospace experts, holds that many sightings over the decades involved secret Federal projects featuring advanced aircraft and reconnaissance missions. The new admission strengthens that view.

The other school holds that the Government has come into possession of extraterrestrial craft and beings and is hiding them from the public, partly to avoid causing panic. That view was celebrated last month on the 50th anniversary of an incident in Roswell, N.M., in which conspiracy theorists say a saucer crashed to Earth and was seized by the Government.

The deceptions about the spy flights were issued in some of the tensest days of the cold war. The Soviet Union exploded its first hydrogen bomb in 1955, the year that the U-2 flew for the first time.

In 1960, a U-2 was shot down over the Soviet Union, leading to the cancellation of an East-West peace conference. In 1962, a U-2 spotted a buildup of Soviet nuclear arms in Cuba, precipitating the diplomatic crisis regarded by some experts as the closest the superpowers came to nuclear war.

To make the spy planes harder to see and less likely to prompt UFO reports, they were eventually painted black. The C.I.A. study said U-2's initially had silver bodies 'and reflected the rays from the sun, especially at sunrise and sunset.'

The report added that 'they often appeared as fiery objects to observers below.'

But the SR-71, which first flew in 1964, was apparently painted black from the start. Its nickname was the Blackbird.

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Rather than explaining when U.F.O. sightings were really just top-secret planes, the government has sometimes allowed public eagerness about the possibility of aliens to take hold.

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Rachel, Nev., near Area 51, in 2019. Alien visitation theories have circulated about the area, where reconnaissance programs were developed.Credit...Roger Kisby for The New York Times

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WASHINGTON — In the summer of 1947, a top-secret U.S. military balloon developed to spy on the Soviet nuclear program crashed in the desert near Roswell, N.M. The military gave only incomplete accounts of what happened, sowing decades of conspiracy theories (and a tourism industry) that built up around Roswell as the site of an alien crash landing.

Since then, Americans' passion for alien visitation has proved tough to shake, even when the evidence is clear that no spaceships have touched down or crash landed. After the Cold War, a pair of Air Force reports that aimed to come clean about the experiments near Roswell did little to debunk any belief in the potential for aliens.

The government's latest report on U.F.O.s, which the Pentagon now wants to call unidentified aerial phenomena, is unlikely to settle anything. Due out on Friday, the report's expected assertion that no classified American programs exist to explain the observations will most likely be dismissed by those primed to disbelieve government pronouncements. Its failure to find affirmative evidence of alien spaceships will largely be ignored by those most passionate about theories of extraterrestrial visitation.

It will also serve as the latest in a history of efforts by the government to confront public eagerness to know more about U.F.O.s. Officials have sometimes sought to be transparent about what they know, according to documents and interviews, but in other instances allowed confusion and conspiracy theories to take root as a useful cover-up for top-secret military programs.

During the Cold War era, the public enthusiasm was a double-edged sword. While alien visitation was a helpful theory to explain away the top-secret programs developed near Roswell and in Nevada's Area 51, where the Air Force and the C.I.A. developed reconnaissance programs intended to look deep into the Soviet Union, early C.I.A. documents show the agency worrying that the American public's obsession with aliens in the 1950s could make the public vulnerable to Russian disinformation efforts.

In the 1950s, the C.I.A. reviewed the test flights of the U-2 reconnaissance planes and then A-12 aircraft (the predecessor of the iconic SR-71 Blackbird) in the 1960s and found that roughly half of U.F.O. sightings were attributable to those top-secret programs, said David Robarge, the chief C.I.A. historian. Responsible for answering questions, the Air Force publicly attributed those

sightings to natural phenomena.

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So, in a sense, the public fixation with space aliens provided a degree of cover for the C.I.A. But taking advantage of public obsession had a cost. A 1997 historical study by the C.I.A. found that while its deceptions were justified, they "added fuel to the later conspiracy theories."

"The agency's understandable interest in concealing its role in some of the early U.F.O. investigations ultimately proved to be counterproductive, that it just fed into later charges of conspiracy and cover up," Dr. Robarge said.

From soon after its creation, the C.I.A. has been worried about the American public's vulnerability to Russian disinformation. C.I.A. documents also show concern about the public's obsession with aliens in the 1950s. If the Soviets were to attack, the agency worried, it might be mistaken for an alien visitation, causing the public not to take shelter but to flood local authorities with false reports.

The United States was also concerned that the K.G.B. would try to penetrate U.F.O. enthusiast groups that were pestering the American government for details about military capabilities and secret programs.

"None of that ever panned out; there is absolutely no evidence that any of these U.F.O. groups were stalking horses for the K.G.B.," Dr. Robarge said.

Those Cold War anxieties, featuring both the possibility of planetary destruction and the threat of Russian disinformation, have echoes in the current day. The fuzzy Navy videos of recent years that show some unexplained phenomena resonated with the public much as reports of sightings 50 years earlier.

#### Image

Roswell, N.M., in 2017. A top-secret U.S. military balloon developed to spy on the Soviet nuclear program crashed in the desert near Roswell in 1947. Decades of conspiracy theories and numerous tourist trinkets followed.Credit...Luke Sharrett for The New York Times.

While government officials may be frustrated with the public gravitating to reports of space aliens to understand unexplained phenomena, some experts say the government's own reflexive silence contributed.

"Government secrecy has acted as a spur toward conspiratorial thinking, and it has aggravated that tendency in some sectors of the American public," said Steven Aftergood, an expert on government secrecy at the Federation of American Scientists. "It's not just limited to U.F.O.s."

When the C.I.A. first made public a batch of documents about U.F.O.s in the late 1970s, the press suggested that the government was continuing the cover-up. The government's best counter, Dr. Robarge said, is to release information as objectively as it can, including both successes and failures.

"It's common in our history that the attempt to conceal a C.I.A. clandestine program feeds suspicions and conspiracies," he said.

The government has long examined reports of unidentified flying objects or unidentified aerial phenomena — sometimes with skepticism, other times more credulously.

Project Blue Book, an Air Force effort running in the 1950s and 1960s to examine U.F.O. reports, is undoubtedly the most famous, fascinating young people for generations and inspiring television programs.

The C.I.A. viewed Project Blue Book positively, believing that many of its investigators had done a good job debunking reports of U.F.O.s. But the effort was shuttered in 1969 after a 1,485-page University of Colorado report, commissioned by the Air Force, cast doubt on the scientific value of examining U.F.O. sightings.

Rumors of alien visitations and the government possession of alien bodies persisted. And in 1985, officials at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio issued a fact sheet saying they no longer wanted to hear flying saucer reports.

"Periodically, it is erroneously stated that the remains of extraterrestrial visitors are or have been stored at Wright-Patterson A.F.B.," the statement said. "There are not now, nor ever have been, any extraterrestrial visitors or equipment on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base."

For many, U.F.O. enthusiasm is merely inspiration for television shows and tongue-in-cheek tourism. But just as the C.I.A. worried that an obsession with aliens during the Cold War would make the American public more susceptible to manipulation by Soviet propaganda and misinformation, there are concerns today about the risks of indulging too deeply in unproven conspiracy theories.

"We are gradually losing a consensual view of reality," Mr. Aftergood warned. "We cannot practice the discipline of self government when people start to adopt widely disparate views of what is real and what is true. So it's a serious problem. It's not just a curiosity like U.F.O. sightings have been in the past."

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## C.I.A. Admits Government Lied About U.F.O. Sightings

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TimesMachine is an exclusive benefit for home delivery and digital subscribers. In the darkest days of the cold war, the military lied to the American public about the true nature of many unidentified flying objects in an effort to hide its growing fleets of spy planes, a Central Intelligence Agency study says.

The deceptions were made in the 1950's and 1960's amid a wave of U.F.O. sightings that alarmed the public and parts of official Washington.

The C.I.A. study says the Air Force knew that most reports by citizens and aviation experts were based on fleeting glimpses of U-2 and SR-71 spy planes, which fly extremely high.

Those planes were developed in the 1950's and 60's to photograph enemy targets. From secret bases, mainly in California and Nevada, the aircraft repeatedly flew across the country and eventually overseas to bases in countries that included Britain, West Germany and Taiwan.

While commercial airliners in the 1950's flew at altitudes of up to 30,000 feet, the U-2 soared to more than 60,000 feet and the SR-71 to more than 80,000 feet, or 15 miles, nearly the edge of space.

The planes carried powerful cameras to spy on foreign military installations and sensitive electronic gear to capture radio and radar transmissions. The spy craft were developed by the intelligence agency and often flown by the Air Force.

Rather than acknowledging the existence of the top-secret flights or saying nothing about them publicly, the Air Force decided to put out false cover stories, the C.I.A. study says. For instance, unusual observations that were actually spy flights were attributed to atmospheric phenomena like ice crystals and temperature inversions.

'Over half of all U.F.O. reports from the late 1950's through the 1960's were accounted for by manned reconnaissance flights' over the United States, the C.I.A. study says. 'This led the Air Force to make misleading and deceptive statements to the public in order to allay public fears and to protect an extraordinarily sensitive national security project.'

The study, 'C.I.A.'s Role in the Study of U.F.O.'s. 1947-90,' was written by Gerald K. Haines and appears in Studies of Intelligence, a secret Central Intelligence Agency journal. Five years ago, the agency began releasing unclassified versions of the journal yearly. The 1997 edition, with the study on unidentified objects, is at <http://www.odci.ogv/csi/studies/97unclas/> on the World Wide Web.

Mr. Haines is a historian at the National Reconnaissance office, the intelligence agency that builds and runs the nation's spy satellites.

The admission of Federal deception on the issue appears to be a first, experts said in interviews.

'It's very significant,' said Richard Hall, chairman of the Fund for U.F.O. Research, a group in Washington. 'Certainly they've lied about not having any interest in the subject. But I don't know of any other deception like this.'



John E. Pike, head of space policy at the Federation of American Scientists, also based in Washington, said the admission raised questions about other Federal cover-ups involving U.F.O.'s.

'The flying-saucer community is definitely onto something,' in charging that the military is hiding something, Mr. Pike said.

There are two schools of thought on the nature of such a cover-up. One, from Mr. Pike and other aerospace experts, holds that many sightings over the decades involved secret Federal projects featuring advanced aircraft and reconnaissance missions. The new admission strengthens that view.

The other school holds that the Government has come into possession of extraterrestrial craft and beings and is hiding them from the public, partly to avoid causing panic. That view was celebrated last month on the 50th anniversary of an incident in Roswell, N.M., in which conspiracy theorists say a saucer crashed to Earth and was seized by the Government.

The deceptions about the spy flights were issued in some of the tensest days of the cold war. The Soviet Union exploded its first hydrogen bomb in 1955, the year that the U-2 flew for the first time.

In 1960, a U-2 was shot down over the Soviet Union, leading to the cancellation of an East-West peace conference. In 1962, a U-2 spotted a buildup of Soviet nuclear arms in Cuba, precipitating the diplomatic crisis regarded by some experts as the closest the superpowers came to nuclear war.

To make the spy planes harder to see and less likely to prompt U.F.O. reports, they were eventually painted black. The C.I.A. study said U-2's initially had silver bodies 'and reflected the rays from the sun, especially at sunrise and sunset.'

The report added that 'they often appeared as fiery objects to observers below.'

But the SR-71, which first flew in 1964, was apparently painted black from the start. Its nickname was the Blackbird.

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## Pentagon Review Finds No Evidence of Alien Cover-Up

But the new report suggests that the public's belief that the government is hiding what it knows will probably continue.

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A new document is the most sweeping rebuttal the Pentagon has issued in recent years to counter claims it has information on extraterrestrial visits or technology. Credit...Haiyun Jiang /The New York Times

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In the 1960s, secret test flights of advanced government spy planes generated U.F.O. sightings. More recently, government and commercial drones, new kinds of satellites and errant weather balloons have led to a renaissance in unusual observations.

But, according to a new report, none of these sightings were of alien spacecraft.

The new congressionally mandated Pentagon report found no evidence that the government was covering up knowledge of extraterrestrial technology and said there was no evidence that any U.F.O. sightings represented alien visitation to Earth.

The 63-page document is the most sweeping rebuttal the Pentagon has issued in recent years to counter claims that it has information on extraterrestrial visits or technology. But amid widespread distrust of the government, the report is unlikely to calm a growing obsession with aliens.

Maj. Gen. Patrick Ryder, a Defense Department spokesman, said the Pentagon approached the report with an open mind and no preconceived notions, but simply found no evidence to back up claims of secret programs, hidden alien technology or anything else extraterrestrial.

"All investigative efforts, at all levels of classification, concluded that most sightings were ordinary objects and phenomena and the result of misidentification," General Ryder said in a statement.

While many reports of what the government now calls Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena remain unsolved, the new document states plainly there is nothing to see. The Pentagon's All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office concluded that if better quality data were available, "most of these cases also could be identified and resolved as ordinary objects or phenomena."

Because of that missing data, Pentagon officials in the past have often been reluctant to speak clearly about various incidents, saying they lack information to draw a conclusion. But in the absence of conclusions, conspiracy theories have flourished, even as scientists and independent investigators made the case that optical illusions, weather phenomena, scientific balloons or drones were reasonable causes of nearly all of the unexplained incidents.

The report also challenges the accounts of whistle-blowers and former government officials who have said the United States is hiding evidence of aliens or extraterrestrial material from the public.

The Pentagon has, over time, tried to chip away at such claims. Officials have testified to Congress that the government has no extraterrestrial materials — much less a spaceship — in its possession. The Pentagon and NASA have used basic

trigonometry to show why publicized military videos do not show anything extraordinary or alien.

The report will not be the last word. Congress has mandated a second report by the Pentagon and passed a measure last year ordering the National Archives to declassify more records. NASA and U.S. intelligence agencies are looking at ways to collect more comprehensive data about unexplained sightings.

But none of those efforts are likely to deviate from the broad conclusions stated on Friday.

Progress in debunking misinformation about U.F.O.s has been slowed by various changes in the task force looking into the matter. Congress has charged the Pentagon's current group, the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, or AARO, with a historical review of the evidence.

The office has not found "any empirical evidence" that reported sightings represent "off world technology" or any classified program that had not been reported to Congress, the report concludes.

Nevertheless the public is unlikely to be swayed. Many people dismiss the government's claims that nothing interesting is going on in Pentagon videos that appear to show strange objects, citing accounts by Navy pilots that they observed objects whose movements cannot be easily explained.

The new report notes that in the past, particularly in the 1950s, there was interest in U.F.O.s, but today the attention on unexplained sightings is greater than ever before.

The Pentagon, treading gently and writing with precise language, concludes that declining public trust in government and the speed in which misinformation now spreads has made it more difficult to rebut claims of extraterrestrial visits.

Citing a 2021 Gallup poll, the Pentagon said that exposure to the topic through "traditional and social media has increased the number of Americans who believe U.F.O. sightings are extraterrestrial in origins."

"Aside from hoaxes and forgeries, misinformation and disinformation is more prevalent and easier to disseminate now than ever before, especially with today's advanced photo, video and computer-generated imagery tools," the report found. "Internet search and content recommendation algorithms serve to reinforce individuals' preconceptions and confirmation biases just as much as to help educate and inform."

The report notes that in the 1950s, many U.F.O. reports were driven by public sightings or classified government programs. The report lists government programs including the Manhattan Project and the secret development of the Air Force's stealth drone, the RQ-170, that may have contributed to increased reports of unidentified objects or phenomena.

There are former government officials who firmly believe the United States has information about aliens or have heard reports about secret programs to study extraterrestrial technology. Those former officials have been star witnesses at congressional hearings.

As part of the investigation, the Pentagon interviewed people who made claims to Congress that they had direct knowledge about a government coverup and others who were said to have corroborating information.

An overview of their accounts makes plain that most of the reports of alien technology are, at best, secondhand. And none of the firsthand reports were corroborated by other witnesses.

Nevertheless, the Pentagon investigated the claims and, so far, found nothing to

back them up. In contrast, it collected on-the-record refutations from other witnesses. The report said the office would continue to investigate and report further claims in a second volume.

The Pentagon also looked into classified and sensitive government programs that whistle-blowers have suggested were involved with examining captured alien spacecraft.

The Pentagon concluded that while "many of these programs represent authentic, current and former sensitive, national security programs," none of them were involved with capturing or reverse engineering extraterrestrial technology.

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A Die-Hard Issue

CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-90

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An extraordinary 95 percent of all Americans have at least heard or read something about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), and 57 percent believe they are real. (1) Former US Presidents Carter and Reagan claim to have seen a UFO. UFOlogists--a neologism for UFO buffs--and private UFO organizations are found throughout the United States. Many are convinced that the US Government, and particularly CIA, are engaged in a massive conspiracy and coverup of the issue. The idea that CIA has secretly concealed its research into UFOs has been a major theme of UFO buffs since the modern UFO phenomena emerged in the late 1940s. (2)

In late 1993, after being pressured by UFOlogists for the release of additional CIA information on UFOs, (3) DCI R. James Woolsey ordered another review of all Agency files on UFOs. Using CIA records compiled from that review, this study traces CIA interest and involvement in the UFO controversy from the late 1940s to 1990. It chronologically examines the Agency's efforts to solve the mystery of UFOs, its programs that had an impact on UFO sightings, and its attempts to conceal CIA involvement in the entire UFO issue. What emerges from this examination is that, while Agency concern over UFOs was substantial until the early 1950s, CIA has since paid only limited and peripheral attention to the phenomena.

Background

The emergence in 1947 of the Cold War confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union also saw the first wave of UFO sightings. The first report of a "flying saucer" over the United States came on 24 June 1947, when Kenneth Arnold, a private pilot and reputable businessman, while looking for a downed

plane sighted nine disk-shaped objects near Mt. Rainier, Washington, traveling at an estimated speed of over 1,000 mph. Arnold's report was followed by a flood of additional sightings, including reports from military and civilian pilots and air traffic controllers all over the United States. (4) In 1948, Air Force Gen. Nathan Twining, head of the Air Technical Service Command, established Project SIGN (initially named Project SAUCER) to collect, collate, evaluate, and distribute within the government all information relating to such sightings, on the premise that UFOs might be real and of national security concern. (5)

The Technical Intelligence Division of the Air Material Command (AMC) at Wright Field (later Wright-Patterson Air Force Base) in Dayton, Ohio, assumed control of Project SIGN and began its work on 23 January 1948. Although at first fearful that the objects might be Soviet secret weapons, the Air Force soon concluded that UFOs were real but easily explained and not extraordinary. The Air Force report found that almost all sightings stemmed from one or more of three causes: mass hysteria and hallucination, hoax, or misinterpretation of known objects. Nevertheless, the report recommended continued military intelligence control over the investigation of all sightings and did not rule out the possibility of extraterrestrial phenomena. (6)

Amid mounting UFO sightings, the Air Force continued to collect and evaluate UFO data in the late 1940s under a new project, GRUDGE, which tried to alleviate public anxiety over UFOs via a public relations campaign designed to persuade the public that UFOs constituted nothing unusual or extraordinary. UFO sightings were explained as balloons, conventional aircraft, planets, meteors, optical illusions, solar reflections, or even "large hailstones." GRUDGE officials found no evidence in UFO sightings of advanced foreign weapons design or development, and they concluded that UFOs did not threaten US security. They recommended that the project be reduced in scope because the very existence of Air Force official interest encouraged people to believe in UFOs and contributed to a "war hysteria" atmosphere. On 27 December 1949, the Air Force announced the project's termination. (7)

With increased Cold War tensions, the Korean war, and continued UFO sightings, USAF Director of Intelligence Maj. Gen. Charles P. Cabell ordered a new UFO project in 1952. Project BLUE BOOK became the major Air Force effort to study the UFO phenomenon throughout the 1950s and 1960s. (8) The task of identifying and explaining UFOs continued to fall on the Air Material Command at Wright-Patterson. With a small staff, the Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC) tried to persuade the public that UFOs were not extraordinary. (9) Projects SIGN, GRUDGE, and BLUE BOOK set the tone for the official US Government position regarding UFOs for the next 30 years.

#### Early CIA Concerns, 1947-52

CIA closely monitored the Air Force effort, aware of the mounting number of sightings and increasingly concerned that UFOs might pose a potential security threat. (10) Given the distribution of the sightings, CIA officials in 1952 questioned whether they might reflect "midsummer madness." (11) Agency officials accepted the Air Force's conclusions about UFO reports, although they concluded that "since there is a remote possibility that they may be interplanetary aircraft, it is necessary to investigate each sighting." (12)

A massive buildup of sightings over the United States in 1952, especially in July, alarmed the Truman administration. On 19 and 20 July, radar scopes at Washington National Airport and Andrews Air Force Base tracked mysterious blips. On 27 July, the blips reappeared. The Air Force scrambled interceptor aircraft to investigate, but they found nothing. The incidents, however, caused headlines across the country. The White House wanted to know what was happening, and the Air Force quickly offered the explanation that the radar blips might be the result of "temperature inversions." Later, a Civil Aeronautics Administration investigation confirmed that such radar blips were quite common and were caused by temperature inversions. (13)

Although it had monitored UFO reports for at least three years, CIA reacted to

the new rash of sightings by forming a special study group within the Office of Scientific Intelligence (OSI) and the Office of Current Intelligence (OCI) to review the situation. (14) Edward Tauss, acting chief of OSI's Weapons and Equipment Division, reported for the group that most UFO sightings could be easily explained. Nevertheless, he recommended that the Agency continue monitoring the problem, in coordination with ATIC. He also urged that CIA conceal its interest from the media and the public, "in view of their probable alarmist tendencies" to accept such interest as confirming the existence of UFOs. (15)

Upon receiving the report, Deputy Director for Intelligence (DDI) Robert Amory, Jr. assigned responsibility for the UFO investigations to OSI's Physics and Electronics Division, with A. Ray Gordon as the officer in charge. (16) Each branch in the division was to contribute to the investigation, and Gordon was to coordinate closely with ATIC. Amory, who asked the group to focus on the national security implications of UFOs, was relaying DCI Walter Bedell Smith's concerns. (17) Smith wanted to know whether or not the Air Force investigation of flying saucers was sufficiently objective and how much more money and manpower would be necessary to determine the cause of the small percentage of unexplained flying saucers. Smith believed "there was only one chance in 10,000 that the phenomenon posed a threat to the security of the country, but even that chance could not be taken." According to Smith, it was CIA's responsibility by statute to coordinate the intelligence effort required to solve the problem. Smith also wanted to know what use could be made of the UFO phenomenon in connection with US psychological warfare efforts. (18)

Led by Gordon, the CIA Study Group met with Air Force officials at Wright-Patterson and reviewed their data and findings. The Air Force claimed that 90 percent of the reported sightings were easily accounted for. The other 10 percent were characterized as "a number of incredible reports from credible observers." The Air Force rejected the theories that the sightings involved US or Soviet secret weapons development or that they involved "men from Mars"; there was no evidence to support these concepts. The Air Force briefers sought to explain these UFO reports as the misinterpretation of known objects or little understood natural phenomena. (19) Air Force and CIA officials agreed that outside knowledge of Agency interest in UFOs would make the problem more serious. (20) This concealment of CIA interest contributed greatly to later charges of a CIA conspiracy and coverup.

Amateur photographs of alleged UFOs

Passoria, New Jersey, 31 July 1952

Sheffield, England, 4 March 1962

& Minneapolis, Minnesota, 20 October 1960

The CIA Study Group also searched the Soviet press for UFO reports, but found none, causing the group to conclude that the absence of reports had to have been the result of deliberate Soviet Government policy. The group also envisioned the USSR's possible use of UFOs as a psychological warfare tool. In addition, they worried that, if the US air warning system should be deliberately overloaded by UFO sightings, the Soviets might gain a surprise advantage in any nuclear attack. (21)

Because of the tense Cold War situation and increased Soviet capabilities, the CIA Study Group saw serious national security concerns in the flying saucer situation. The group believed that the Soviets could use UFO reports to touch off mass hysteria and panic in the United States. The group also believed that the Soviets might use UFO sightings to overload the US air warning system so that it could not distinguish real targets from phantom UFOs. H. Marshall Chadwell, Assistant Director of OSI, added that he considered the problem of such importance "that it should be brought to the attention of the National Security Council, in order that a communitywide coordinated effort towards its solution may be initiated." (22)

Chadwell briefed DCI Smith on the subject of UFOs in December 1952. He urged action because he was convinced that "something was going on that must have immediate attention" and that "sightings of unexplained objects at great altitudes and traveling at high speeds in the vicinity of major US defense installations are of such nature that they are not attributable to natural phenomena or known types of aerial vehicles." He drafted a memorandum from the DCI to the National Security Council (NSC) and a proposed NSC Directive establishing the investigation of UFOs as a priority project throughout the intelligence and the defense research and development community. (23) Chadwell also urged Smith to establish an external research project of top-level scientists to study the problem of UFOs. (24) After this briefing, Smith directed DDI Amory to prepare a NSC Intelligence Directive (NSCID) for submission to the NSC on the need to continue the investigation of UFOs and to coordinate such investigations with the Air Force. (25)

#### The Robertson Panel, 1952-53

On 4 December 1952, the Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) took up the issue of UFOs. (26) Amory, as acting chairman, presented DCI Smith's request to the committee that it informally discuss the subject of UFOs. Chadwell then briefly reviewed the situation and the active program of the ATIC relating to UFOs. The committee agreed that the DCI should "enlist the services of selected scientists to review and appraise the available evidence in the light of pertinent scientific theories" and draft an NSCID on the subject. (27) Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, Director of Air Force Intelligence, offered full cooperation. (28)

At the same time, Chadwell looked into British efforts in this area. He learned the British also were active in studying the UFO phenomena. An eminent British scientist, R. V. Jones, headed a standing committee created in June 1951 on flying saucers. Jones' and his committee's conclusions on UFOs were similar to those of Agency officials: the sightings were not enemy aircraft but misrepresentations of natural phenomena. The British noted, however, that during a recent air show RAF pilots and senior military officials had observed a "perfect flying saucer." Given the press response, according to the officer, Jones was having a most difficult time trying to correct public opinion regarding UFOs. The public was convinced they were real. (29)

In January 1953, Chadwell and H. P. Robertson, a noted physicist from the California Institute of Technology, put together a distinguished panel of nonmilitary scientists to study the UFO issue. It included Robertson as chairman; Samuel A. Goudsmit, a nuclear physicist from the Brookhaven National Laboratories; Luis Alvarez, a high-energy physicist; Thornton Page, the deputy director of the Johns Hopkins Operations Research Office and an expert on radar and electronics; and Lloyd Berkner, a director of the Brookhaven National Laboratories and a specialist in geophysics. (30)

The charge to the panel was to review the available evidence on UFOs and to consider the possible dangers of the phenomena to US national security. The panel met from 14 to 17 January 1953. It reviewed Air Force data on UFO case histories and, after spending 12 hours studying the phenomena, declared that reasonable explanations could be suggested for most, if not all, sightings. For example, after reviewing motion-picture film taken of a UFO sighting near Tremonton, Utah, on 2 July 1952 and one near Great Falls, Montana, on 15 August 1950, the panel concluded that the images on the Tremonton film were caused by sunlight reflecting off seagulls and that the images at Great Falls were sunlight reflecting off the surface of two Air Force interceptors. (31)

The panel concluded unanimously that there was no evidence of a direct threat to national security in the UFO sightings. Nor could the panel find any evidence that the objects sighted might be extraterrestrials. It did find that continued emphasis on UFO reporting might threaten "the orderly functioning" of the government by clogging the channels of communication with irrelevant reports and by inducing "hysterical mass behavior" harmful to constituted authority. The panel also worried that potential enemies contemplating an attack on the United

States might exploit the UFO phenomena and use them to disrupt US air defenses. (32)

To meet these problems, the panel recommended that the National Security Council debunk UFO reports and institute a policy of public education to reassure the public of the lack of evidence behind UFOs. It suggested using the mass media, advertising, business clubs, schools, and even the Disney corporation to get the message across. Reporting at the height of McCarthyism, the panel also recommended that such private UFO groups as the Civilian Flying Saucer Investigators in Los Angeles and the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization in Wisconsin be monitored for subversive activities. (33)

The Robertson panel's conclusions were strikingly similar to those of the earlier Air Force project reports on SIGN and GRUDGE and to those of the CIA's own OSI Study Group. All investigative groups found that UFO reports indicated no direct threat to national security and no evidence of visits by extraterrestrials.

Following the Robertson panel findings, the Agency abandoned efforts to draft an NSCID on UFOs. (34) The Scientific Advisory Panel on UFOs (the Robertson panel) submitted its report to the IAC, the Secretary of Defense, the Director of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, and the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board. CIA officials said no further consideration of the subject appeared warranted, although they continued to monitor sightings in the interest of national security. Philip Strong and Fred Durant from OSI also briefed the Office of National Estimates on the findings. (35) CIA officials wanted knowledge of any Agency interest in the subject of flying saucers carefully restricted, noting not only that the Robertson panel report was classified but also that any mention of CIA sponsorship of the panel was forbidden. This attitude would later cause the Agency major problems relating to its credibility. (36)

#### The 1950s: Fading CIA Interest in UFOs

After the report of the Robertson panel, Agency officials put the entire issue of UFOs on the back burner. In May 1953, Chadwell transferred chief responsibility for keeping abreast of UFOs to OSI's Physics and Electronic Division, while the Applied Science Division continued to provide any necessary support. (37) Todos M. Odarenko, chief of the Physics and Electronics Division, did not want to take on the problem, contending that it would require too much of his division's analytic and clerical time. Given the findings of the Robertson panel, he proposed to consider the project "inactive" and to devote only one analyst part-time and a file clerk to maintain a reference file of the activities of the Air Force and other agencies on UFOs. Neither the Navy nor the Army showed much interest in UFOs, according to Odarenko. (38)

A nonbeliever in UFOs, Odarenko sought to have his division relieved of the responsibility for monitoring UFO reports. In 1955, for example, he recommended that the entire project be terminated because no new information concerning UFOs had surfaced. Besides, he argued, his division was facing a serious budget reduction and could not spare the resources. (39) Chadwell and other Agency officials, however, continued to worry about UFOs. Of special concern were overseas reports of UFO sightings and claims that German engineers held by the Soviets were developing a "flying saucer" as a future weapon of war. (40)

To most US political and military leaders, the Soviet Union by the mid-1950s had become a dangerous opponent. Soviet progress in nuclear weapons and guided missiles was particularly alarming. In the summer of 1949, the USSR had detonated an atomic bomb. In August 1953, only nine months after the United States tested a hydrogen bomb, the Soviets detonated one. In the spring of 1953, a top secret RAND Corporation study also pointed out the vulnerability of SAC bases to a surprise attack by Soviet long-range bombers. Concern over the danger of a Soviet attack on the United States continued to grow, and UFO sightings added to the uneasiness of US policymakers.



Mounting reports of UFOs over eastern Europe and Afghanistan also prompted concern that the Soviets were making rapid progress in this area. CIA officials knew that the British and Canadians were already experimenting with "flying saucers." Project Y was a Canadian-British-US developmental operation to produce a nonconventional flying-saucer-type aircraft, and Agency officials feared the Soviets were testing similar devices. (41)

Adding to the concern was a flying saucer sighting by US Senator Richard Russell and his party while traveling on a train in the USSR in October 1955. After extensive interviews of Russell and his group, however, CIA officials concluded that Russell's sighting did not support the theory that the Soviets had developed saucerlike or unconventional aircraft. Herbert Scoville, Jr., the Assistant Director of OSI, wrote that the objects observed probably were normal jet aircraft in a steep climb. (42)

Wilton E. Lexow, head of the CIA's Applied Sciences Division, was also skeptical. He questioned why the Soviets were continuing to develop conventional-type aircraft if they had a "flying saucer." (43) Scoville asked Lexow to assume responsibility for fully assessing the capabilities and limitations of nonconventional aircraft and to maintain the OSI central file on the subject of UFOs.

CIA's U-2 and OXCART as UFOs

In November 1954, CIA had entered into the world of high technology with its U-2 overhead reconnaissance project. Working with Lockheed's Advanced Development facility in Burbank, California, known as the Skunk Works, and Kelly Johnson, an eminent aeronautical engineer, the Agency by August 1955 was testing a high-altitude experimental aircraft--the U-2. It could fly at 60,000 feet; in the mid-1950s, most commercial airliners flew between 10,000 feet and 20,000 feet. Consequently, once the U-2 started test flights, commercial pilots and air traffic controllers began reporting a large increase in UFO sightings. (44) (U)

The early U-2s were silver (they were later painted black) and reflected the rays from the sun, especially at sunrise and sunset. They often appeared as fiery objects to observers below. Air Force BLUE BOOK investigators aware of the secret U-2 flights tried to explain away such sightings by linking them to natural phenomena such as ice crystals and temperature inversions. By checking with the Agency's U-2 Project Staff in Washington, BLUE BOOK investigators were able to attribute many UFO sightings to U-2 flights. They were careful, however, not to reveal the true cause of the sighting to the public.

According to later estimates from CIA officials who worked on the U-2 project and the OXCART (SR-71, or Blackbird) project, over half of all UFO reports from the late 1950s through the 1960s were accounted for by manned reconnaissance flights (namely the U-2) over the United States. (45) This led the Air Force to make misleading and deceptive statements to the public in order to allay public fears and to protect an extraordinarily sensitive national security project. While perhaps justified, this deception added fuel to the later conspiracy theories and the coverup controversy of the 1970s. The percentage of what the Air Force considered unexplained UFO sightings fell to 5.9 percent in 1955 and to 4 percent in 1956. (46)

At the same time, pressure was building for the release of the Robertson panel report on UFOs. In 1956, Edward Ruppelt, former head of the Air Force BLUE BOOK project, publicly revealed the existence of the panel. A best-selling book by UFOlogist Donald Keyhoe, a retired Marine Corps major, advocated release of all government information relating to UFOs. Civilian UFO groups such as the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) and the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) immediately pushed for release of the Robertson panel report. (47) Under pressure, the Air Force approached CIA for permission to declassify and release the report. Despite such pressure, Philip Strong, Deputy Assistant Director of OSI, refused to declassify the report and declined to disclose CIA sponsorship of the panel. As an alternative, the Agency prepared a sanitized version of the report which deleted any reference to CIA

and avoided mention of any psychological warfare potential in the UFO controversy. (48)

The demands, however, for more government information about UFOs did not let up. On 8 March 1958, Keyhoe, in an interview with Mike Wallace of CBS, claimed deep CIA involvement with UFOs and Agency sponsorship of the Robertson panel. This prompted a series of letters to the Agency from Keyhoe and Dr. Leon Davidson, a chemical engineer and UFOlogist. They demanded the release of the full Robertson panel report and confirmation of CIA involvement in the UFO issue. Davidson had convinced himself that the Agency, not the Air Force, carried most of the responsibility for UFO analysis and that "the activities of the US Government are responsible for the flying saucer sightings of the last decade." Indeed, because of the undisclosed U-2 and OXCART flights, Davidson was closer to the truth than he suspected. CI, nevertheless held firm to its policy of not revealing its role in UFO investigations and refused to declassify the full Robertson panel report. (49)

In a meeting with Air Force representatives to discuss how to handle future inquiries such as Keyhoe's and Davidson's, Agency officials confirmed their opposition to the declassification of the full report and worried that Keyhoe had the ear of former DCI VAdm. Roscoe Hillenkoetter, who served on the board of governors of NICAP. They debated whether to have CIA General Counsel Lawrence R. Houston show Hillenkoetter the report as a possible way to defuse the situation. CIA officer Frank Chapin also hinted that Davidson might have ulterior motives, "some of them perhaps not in the best interest of this country," and suggested bringing in the FBI to investigate. (50) Although the record is unclear whether the FBI ever instituted an investigation of Davidson or Keyhoe, or whether Houston ever saw Hillenkoetter about the Robertson report, Hillenkoetter did resign from the NICAP in 1962. (51)

The Agency was also involved with Davidson and Keyhoe in two rather famous UFO cases in the 1950s, which helped contribute to a growing sense of public distrust of CIA with regard to UFOs. One focused on what was reported to have been a tape recording of a radio signal from a flying saucer; the other on reported photographs of a flying saucer. The "radio code" incident began innocently enough in 1955, when two elderly sisters in Chicago, Mildred and Marie Maier, reported in the Journal of Space Flight their experiences with UFOs, including the recording of a radio program in which an unidentified code was reportedly heard. The sisters taped the program and other ham radio operators also claimed to have heard the "space message." OSI became interested and asked the Scientific Contact Branch to obtain a copy of the recording. (52)

Field officers from the Contact Division (CD), one of whom was Dewelt Walker, made contact with the Maier sisters, who were "thrilled that the government was interested," and set up a time to meet with them. (53) In trying to secure the tape recording, the Agency officers reported that they had stumbled upon a scene from Arsenic and Old Lace. "The only thing lacking was the elderberry wine," Walker cabled Headquarters. After reviewing the sisters' scrapbook of clippings from their days on the stage, the officers secured a copy of the recording. (54) OSI analyzed the tape and found it was nothing more than Morse code from a US radio station.

The matter rested there until UFOlogist Leon Davidson talked with the Maier sisters in 1957. The sisters remembered they had talked with a Mr. Walker who said he was from the US Air Force. Davidson then wrote to a Mr. Walker, believing him to be a US Air Force Intelligence Officer from Wright-Patterson, to ask if the tape had been analyzed at ATIC. Dewelt Walker replied to Davidson that the tape had been forwarded to proper authorities for evaluation, and no information was available concerning the results. Not satisfied, and suspecting that Walker was really a CIA officer, Davidson next wrote DCI Allen Dulles demanding to learn what the coded message revealed and who Mr. Walker was. (55) The Agency, wanting to keep Walker's identity as a CIA employee secret, replied that another agency of the government had analyzed the tape in question and that Davidson would be hearing from the Air Force. (56) On 5 August, the Air Force

wrote Davidson saying that Walker "was and is an Air Force Officer" and that the tape "was analyzed by another government organization." The Air Force letter confirmed that the recording contained only identifiable Morse code which came from a known US-licensed radio station. (57)

Davidson wrote Dulles again. This time he wanted to know the identity of the Morse operator and of the agency that had conducted the analysis. CIA and the Air Force were now in a quandary. The Agency had previously denied that it had actually analyzed the tape. The Air Force had also denied analyzing the tape and claimed that Walker was an Air Force officer. CIA officers, under cover, contacted Davidson in Chicago and promised to get the code translation and the identification of the transmitter, if possible. (58)

In another attempt to pacify Davidson, a CIA officer, again under cover and wearing his Air Force uniform, contacted Davidson in New York City. The CIA officer explained that there was no super agency involved and that Air Force policy was not to disclose who was doing what. While seeming to accept this argument, Davidson nevertheless pressed for disclosure of the recording message and the source. The officer agreed to see what he could do. (59) After checking with Headquarters, the CIA officer phoned Davidson to report that a thorough check had been made and, because the signal was of known US origin, the tape and the notes made at the time had been destroyed to conserve file space. (60)

Incensed over what he perceived was a runaround, Davidson told the CIA officer that "he and his agency, whichever it was, were acting like Jimmy Hoffa and the Teamster Union in destroying records which might indict them." (61) Believing that any more contact with Davidson would only encourage more speculation, the Contact Division washed its hands of the issue by reporting to the DCI and to ATIC that it would not respond to or try to contact Davidson again. (62) Thus, a minor, rather bizarre incident, handled poorly by both CIA and the Air Force, turned into a major flap that added fuel to the growing mystery surrounding UFOs and CIA's role in their investigation.

Another minor flap a few months later added to the growing questions surrounding the Agency's true role with regard to flying saucers. CIA's concern over secrecy again made matters worse. In 1958, Major Keyhoe charged that the Agency was deliberately asking eyewitnesses of UFOs not to make their sightings public. (63)

The incident stemmed from a November 1957 request from OSI to the CD to obtain from Ralph C. Mayher, a photographer for KYW-TV in Cleveland, Ohio, certain photographs he took in 1952 of an unidentified flying object. Harry Real, a CD officer, contacted Mayher and obtained copies of the photographs for analysis. On 12 December 1957, John Hazen, another CD officer, returned the five photographs of the alleged UFO to Mayher without comment. Mayher asked Hazen for the Agency's evaluation of the photos, explaining that he was trying to organize a TV program to brief the public on UFOs. He wanted to mention on the show that a US intelligence organization had viewed the photographs and thought them of interest. Although he advised Mayher not to take this approach, Hazen stated that Mayher was a US citizen and would have to make his own decision as to what to do. (64)

Keyhoe later contacted Mayher, who told him his story of CIA and the photographs. Keyhoe then asked the Agency to confirm Hazen's employment in writing, in an effort to expose CIA's role in UFO investigations. The Agency refused, despite the fact that CD field representatives were normally overt and carried credentials identifying their Agency association. DCI Dulles's aide, John S. Earman, merely sent Keyhoe a noncommittal letter noting that, because UFOs were of primary concern to the Department of the Air Force, the Agency had referred his letter to the Air Force for an appropriate response. Like the response to Davidson, the Agency reply to Keyhoe only fueled the speculation that the Agency was deeply involved in UFO sightings. Pressure for release of CIA information on UFOs continued to grow. (65)

Although CIA had a declining interest in UFO cases, it continued to monitor UFO sightings. Agency officials felt the need to keep informed on UFOs if only to alert the DCI to the more sensational UFO reports and flaps. (66)

#### The 1960s: Declining CIA Involvement and Mounting Controversy

In the early 1960s, Keyhoe, Davidson, and other UFOlogists maintained their assault on the Agency for release of UFO information. Davidson now claimed that CIA "was solely responsible for creating the Flying Saucer furor as a tool for cold war psychological warfare since 1951." Despite calls for Congressional hearings and the release of all materials relating to UFOs, little changed. (67)

In 1964, however, following high-level White House discussions on what to do if an alien intelligence was discovered in space and a new outbreak of UFO reports and sightings, DCI John McCone asked for an updated CIA evaluation of UFOs. Responding to McCone's request, OSI asked the CD to obtain various recent samples and reports of UFO sightings from NICAP. With Keyhoe, one of the founders, no longer active in the organization, CIA officers met with Richard H. Hall, the acting director. Hall gave the officers samples from the NICAP database on the most recent sightings. (68)

After OSI officers had reviewed the material, Donald F. Chamberlain, OSI Assistant Director, assured McCone that little had changed since the early 1950s. There was still no evidence that UFOs were a threat to the security of the United States or that they were of "foreign origin." Chamberlain told McCone that OSI still monitored UFO reports, including the official Air Force investigation, Project BLUE BOOK. (69)

At the same time that CIA was conducting this latest internal review of UFOs, public pressure forced the Air Force to establish a special ad hoc committee to review BLUE BOOK. Chaired by Dr. Brian O'Brien, a member of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, the panel included Carl Sagan, the famous astronomer from Cornell University. Its report offered nothing new. It declared that UFOs did not threaten the national security and that it could find "no UFO case which represented technological or scientific advances outside of a terrestrial framework." The committee did recommend that UFOs be studied intensively, with a leading university acting as a coordinator for the project, to settle the issue conclusively. (70)

The House Armed Services Committee also held brief hearings on UFOs in 1966 that produced similar results. Secretary of the Air Force Harold Brown assured the committee that most sightings were easily explained and that there was no evidence that "strangers from outer space" had been visiting Earth. He told the committee members, however, that the Air Force would keep an open mind and continue to investigate all UFO reports. (71)

Following the report of its O'Brien Committee, the House hearings on UFOs, and Dr. Robertson's disclosure on a CBS Reports program that CIA indeed had been involved in UFO analysis, the Air Force in July 1966 again approached the Agency for declassification of the entire Robertson panel report of 1953 and the full Durant report on the Robertson panel deliberations and findings. The Agency again refused to budge. Karl H. Weber, Deputy Director of OSI, wrote the Air Force that "We are most anxious that further publicity not be given to the information that the panel was sponsored by the CIA." Weber noted that there was already a sanitized version available to the public. (72) Weber's response was rather shortsighted and ill considered. It only drew more attention to the 13-year-old Robertson panel report and CIA's role in the investigation of UFOs. The science editor of The Saturday Review drew nationwide attention to the CIA's role in investigating UFOs when he published an article criticizing the "sanitized version" of the 1953 Robertson panel report and called for release of the entire document. (73)

Unknown to CIA officials, Dr. James E. McDonald, a noted atmospheric physicist from the University of Arizona, had already seen the Durant report on the Robertson panel proceedings at Wright-Patterson on 6 June 1966. When McDonald

returned to Wright-Patterson on 30 June to copy the report, however, the Air Force refused to let him see it again, stating that it was a CIA classified document. Emerging as a UFO authority, McDonald publicly claimed that the CIA was behind the Air Force secrecy policies and coverup. He demanded the release of the full Robertson panel report and the Durant report. (74)

Bowing to public pressure and the recommendation of its own O'Brien Committee, the Air Force announced in August 1966 that it was seeking a contract with a leading university to undertake a program of intensive investigations of UFO sightings. The new program was designed to blunt continuing charges that the US Government had concealed what it knew about UFOs. On 7 October, the University of Colorado accepted a \$325,000 contract with the Air Force for an 18-month study of flying saucers. Dr. Edward U. Condon, a physicist at Colorado and a former Director of the National Bureau of Standards, agreed to head the program. Pronouncing himself an "agnostic" on the subject of UFOs, Condon observed that he had an open mind on the question and thought that possible extraterrestrial origins were "improbable but not impossible." (75) Brig. Gen. Edward Giller, USAF, and Dr. Thomas Ratchford from the Air Force Research and Development Office became the Air Force coordinators for the project.

In February 1967, Giller contacted Arthur C. Lundahl, Director of CIA's National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC), and proposed an informal liaison through which NPIC could provide the Condon Committee with technical advice and services in examining photographs of alleged UFOs. Lundahl and DDI R. Jack Smith approved the arrangement as a way of "preserving a window" on the new effort. They wanted the CIA and NPIC to maintain a low profile, however, and to take no part in writing any conclusions for the committee. No work done for the committee by NPIC was to be formally acknowledged. (76)

Ratchford next requested that Condon and his committee be allowed to visit NPIC to discuss the technical aspects of the problem and to view the special equipment NPIC had for photoanalysis. On 20 February 1967, Condon and four members of his committee visited NPIC. Lundahl emphasized to the group that any NPIC work to assist the committee must not be identified as CIA work. Moreover, work performed by NPIC would be strictly of a technical nature. After receiving these guidelines, the group heard a series of briefings on the services and equipment not available elsewhere that CIA had used in its analysis of some UFO photography furnished by Ratchford. Condon and his committee were impressed. (77)

Condon and the same group met again in May 1967 at NPIC to hear an analysis of UFO photographs taken at Zanesville, Ohio. The analysis debunked that sighting. The committee was again impressed with the technical work performed, and Condon remarked that for the first time a scientific analysis of a UFO would stand up to investigation. (78) The group also discussed the committee's plans to call on US citizens for additional photographs and to issue guidelines for taking useful UFO photographs. In addition, CIA officials agreed that the Condon Committee could release the full Durant report with only minor deletions.

In April 1969, Condon and his committee released their report on UFOs. The report concluded that little, if anything, had come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years and that further extensive study of UFO sightings was unwarranted. It also recommended that the Air Force special unit, Project BLUE BOOK, be discontinued. It did not mention CIA participation in the Condon committee's investigation. (79) A special panel established by the National Academy of Sciences reviewed the Condon report and concurred with its conclusion that "no high priority in UFO investigations is warranted by data of the past two decades." It concluded its review by declaring, "On the basis of present knowledge, the least likely explanation of UFOs is the hypothesis of extraterrestrial visitations by intelligent beings." Following the recommendations of the Condon Committee and the National Academy of Sciences, the Secretary of the Air Force, Robert C. Seamans, Jr., announced on 17 December 1969 the termination of BLUE BOOK. (80)

The 1970s and 1980s: The UFO Issue Refuses To Die

The Condon report did not satisfy many UFOlogists, who considered it a coverup for CIA activities in UFO research. Additional sightings in the early 1970s fueled beliefs that the CIA was somehow involved in a vast conspiracy. On 7 June 1975, William Spaulding, head of a small UFO group, Ground Saucer Watch (GSW), wrote to CIA requesting a copy of the Robertson panel report and all records relating to UFOs. (81) Spaulding was convinced that the Agency was withholding major files on UFOs. Agency officials provided Spaulding with a copy of the Robertson panel report and of the Durant report. (82)

On 14 July 1975, Spaulding again wrote the Agency questioning the authenticity of the reports he had received and alleging a CIA coverup of its UFO activities. Gene Wilson, CIA's Information and Privacy Coordinator, replied in an attempt to satisfy Spaulding, "At no time prior to the formation of the Robertson Panel and subsequent to the issuance of the panel's report has CIA engaged in the study of the UFO phenomena." The Robertson panel report, according to Wilson, was "the summation of Agency interest and involvement in UFOs." Wilson also inferred that there were no additional documents in CIA's possession that related to UFOs. Wilson was ill informed. (83)

In September 1977, Spaulding and GSW, unconvinced by Wilson's response, filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the Agency that specifically requested all UFO documents in CIA's possession. Deluged by similar FOIA requests for Agency information on UFOs, CIA officials agreed, after much legal maneuvering, to conduct a "reasonable search" of CIA files for UFO materials. (84) Despite an Agency-wide unsympathetic attitude toward the suit, Agency officials, led by Launie Ziebell from the Office of General Counsel, conducted a thorough search for records pertaining to UFOs. Persistent, demanding, and even threatening at times, Ziebell and his group scoured the Agency. They even turned up an old UFO file under a secretary's desk. The search finally produced 355 documents totaling approximately 900 pages. On 14 December 1978, the Agency released all but 57 documents of about 100 pages to GSW. It withheld these 57 documents on national security grounds and to protect sources and methods. (85)

Although the released documents produced no smoking gun and revealed only a low-level Agency interest in the UFO phenomena after the Robertson panel report of 1953, the press treated the release in a sensational manner. The New York Times, for example, claimed that the declassified documents confirmed intensive government concern over UFOs and that the Agency was secretly involved in the surveillance of UFOs. (86) GSW then sued for the release of the withheld documents, claiming that the Agency was still holding out key information. (87) It was much like the John F. Kennedy assassination issue. No matter how much material the Agency released and no matter how dull and prosaic the information, people continued to believe in a Agency coverup and conspiracy.

DCI Stansfield Turner was so upset when he read The New York Times article that he asked his senior officers, "Are we in UFOs?" After reviewing the records, Don Wortman, Deputy Director for Administration, reported to Turner that there was "no organized Agency effort to do research in connection with UFO phenomena nor has there been an organized effort to collect intelligence on UFOs since the 1950s." Wortman assured Turner that the Agency records held only "sporadic instances of correspondence dealing with the subject," including various kinds of reports of UFO sightings. There was no Agency program to collect actively information on UFOs, and the material released to GSW had few deletions. (88) Thus assured, Turner had the General Counsel press for a summary judgment against the new lawsuit by GSW. In May 1980, the courts dismissed the lawsuit, finding that the Agency had conducted a thorough and adequate search in good faith. (89)

During the late 1970s and 1980s, the Agency continued its low-key interest in UFOs and UFO sightings. While most scientists now dismissed flying saucers reports as a quaint part of the 1950s and 1960s, some in the Agency and in the Intelligence Community shifted their interest to studying parapsychology and psychic phenomena associated with UFO sightings. CIA officials also looked at

the UFO problem to determine what UFO sightings might tell them about Soviet progress in rockets and missiles and reviewed its counterintelligence aspects. Agency analysts from the Life Science Division of OSI and OSWR officially devoted a small amount of their time to issues relating to UFOs. These included counterintelligence concerns that the Soviets and the KGB were using US citizens and UFO groups to obtain information on sensitive US weapons development programs (such as the Stealth aircraft), the vulnerability of the US air-defense network to penetration by foreign missiles mimicking UFOs, and evidence of Soviet advanced technology associated with UFO sightings.

CIA also maintained Intelligence Community coordination with other agencies regarding their work in parapsychology, psychic phenomena, and "remote viewing" experiments. In general, the Agency took a conservative scientific view of these unconventional scientific issues. There was no formal or official UFO project within the Agency in the 1980s, and Agency officials purposely kept files on UFOs to a minimum to avoid creating records that might mislead the public if released. (90)

The 1980s also produced renewed charges that the Agency was still withholding documents relating to the 1947 Roswell incident, in which a flying saucer supposedly crashed in New Mexico, and the surfacing of documents which purportedly revealed the existence of a top secret US research and development intelligence operation responsible only to the President on UFOs in the late 1940s and early 1950s. UFOlogists had long argued that, following a flying saucer crash in New Mexico in 1947, the government not only recovered debris from the crashed saucer but also four or five alien bodies. According to some UFOlogists, the government clamped tight security around the project and has refused to divulge its investigation results and research ever since. (91) In September 1994, the US Air Force released a new report on the Roswell incident that concluded that the debris found in New Mexico in 1947 probably came from a once top secret balloon operation, Project MOGUL, designed to monitor the atmosphere for evidence of Soviet nuclear tests. (92)

Circa 1984, a series of documents surfaced which some UFOlogists said proved that President Truman created a top secret committee in 1947, Majestic-12, to secure the recovery of UFO wreckage from Roswell and any other UFO crash sight for scientific study and to examine any alien bodies recovered from such sites. Most if not all of these documents have proved to be fabrications. Yet the controversy persists. (93)

Like the JFK assassination conspiracy theories, the UFO issue probably will not go away soon, no matter what the Agency does or says. The belief that we are not alone in the universe is too emotionally appealing and the distrust of our government is too pervasive to make the issue amenable to traditional scientific studies of rational explanation and evidence.

#### Notes

(1) See the 1973 Gallup Poll results printed in The New York Times, 29 November 1973, p. 45 and Philip J. Klass, UFOs: The Public Deceived (New York: Prometheus Books, 1983), p. 3.

(2) See Klass, UFOs, p. 3; James S. Gordon, "The UFO Experience," Atlantic Monthly (August 1991), pp. 82-92; David Michael Jacobs, The UFO Controversy in America (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1975); Howard Blum, Out There: The Government's Secret Quest for Extraterrestrials (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1990); Timothy Good, Above Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Cover-Up (New York: William Morrow, 1987); and Whitley Strieber, Communion: The True Story (New York: Morrow, 1987).

(3) In September 1993 John Peterson, an acquaintance of Woolsey's, first approached the DCI with a package of heavily sanitized CIA material on UFOs released to UFOlogist Stanton T. Friedman. Peterson and Friedman wanted to know the reasons for the redactions. Woolsey agreed to look into the matter. See Richard J. Warshaw, Executive Assistant, note to author, 1 November 1994;

Warshaw, note to John H. Wright, Information and Privacy Coordinator, 31 January 1994; and Wright, memorandum to Executive Secretariat, 2 March 1994. (Except where noted, all citations to CIA records in this article are to the records collected for the 1994 Agency-wide search that are held by the Executive Assistant to the DCI).

(4) See Hector Quintanilla, Jr., "The Investigation of UFOs," Vol. 10, No. 4, Studies in Intelligence (fall 1966): pp.95-110 and CIA, unsigned memorandum, "Flying Saucers," 14 August 1952. See also Good, Above Top Secret, p. 253. During World War II, US pilots reported "foo fighters" (bright lights trailing US aircraft). Fearing they might be Japanese or German secret weapons, OSS investigated but could find no concrete evidence of enemy weapons and often filed such reports in the "crackpot" category. The OSS also investigated possible sightings of German V-1 and V-2 rockets before their operational use during the war. See Jacobs, UFO Controversy, p. 33. The Central Intelligence Group, the predecessor of the CIA, also monitored reports of "ghost rockets" in Sweden in 1946. See CIG, Intelligence Report, 9 April 1947.

(5) Jacobs, The UFO Controversy, p. 156 and Quintanilla, "The Investigation of UFOs," p. 97.

(6) See US Air Force, Air Material Command, "Unidentified Aerial Objects: Project SIGN, no. F-TR 2274, IA, February 1949, Records of the US Air Force Commands, Activities and Organizations, Record Group 341, National Archives, Washington, DC.

(7) See US Air Force, Projects GRUDGE and BLUEBOOK Reports 1- 12 (Washington, DC; National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1968) and Jacobs, The UFO Controversy, pp. 50-54.

(8) See Cabell, memorandum to Commanding General Major Air Commands, "Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft," 8 September 1950 and Jacobs, The UFO Controversy, p. 65.

(9) See Air Force, Projects GRUDGE and BLUE BOOK and Jacobs, The UFO Controversy, p. 67.

(10) See Edward Tauss, memorandum for Deputy Assistant Director, SI, "Flying Saucers," 1 August 1952. See also United Kingdom, Report by the "Flying Saucer" Working Party, "Unidentified Flying Objects," no date (approximately 1950).

(11) See Dr. Stone, OSI, memorandum to Dr. Willard Machle, OSI, 15 March 1949 and Ralph L. Clark, Acting Assistant Director, OSI, memorandum for DDI, "Recent Sightings of Unexplained Objects," 29 July 1952.

(12) Stone, memorandum to Machle. See also Clark, memorandum for DDI, 29 July 1952.

(13) See Klass, UFOs, p. 15. For a brief review of the Washington sightings see Good, Above Top Secret, pp. 269-271.

(14) See Ralph L. Clark, Acting Assistant Director, OSI, memorandum to DDI Robert Amory, Jr., 29 July 1952. OSI and OCI were in the Directorate of Intelligence. Established in 1948, OSI served as the CIA's focal point for the analysis of foreign scientific and technological developments. In 1980, OSI was merged into the Office of Science and Weapons Research. The Office of Current Intelligence (OCI), established on 15 January 1951 was to provide all-source current intelligence to the President and the National Security Council.

(15) Tauss, memorandum for Deputy Assistant Director, SI (Philip Strong), 1 August 1952.

(16) On 2 January 1952, DCI Walter Bedell Smith created a Deputy Directorate for Intelligence (DDI) composed of six overt CIA organizations--OSI, OCI, Office of



Collection and Dissemination, Office National Estimates, Office of Research and Reports, and the Office of Intelligence Coordination--to produce intelligence analysis for US policymakers.

(17) See Minutes of Branch Chief's Meeting, 11 August 1952.

(18) Smith expressed his opinions at a meeting in the DCI Conference Room attended by his top officers. See Deputy Chief, Requirements Staff, FI, memorandum for Deputy Director, Plans, "Flying Saucers," 20 August 1952, Directorate of Operations Records, Information Management Staff, Job 86-00538R, Box 1.

(19) See CIA memorandum, unsigned, "Flying Saucers," 11 August 1952.

(20) See CIA, memorandum, unsigned, "Flying Saucers," 14 August 1952.

(21) See CIA, memorandum, unsigned, "Flying Saucers," 19 August 1952.

(22) See Chadwell, memorandum for Smith, 17 September 1952 and 24 September 1952, "Flying Saucers." See also Chadwell, memorandum for DCI Smith, 2 October 1952 and Klass, UFOs, pp. 23-26.

(23) Chadwell, memorandum for DCI with attachments, 2 December 1952. See also Klass, UFOs, pp. 26-27 and Chadwell, memorandum, 25 November 1952.

(24) See Chadwell, memorandum, 25 November 1952 and Chadwell, memorandum, "Approval in Principle - External Research Project Concerned with Unidentified Flying Objects," no date. See also Philip G. Strong, OSI, memorandum for the record, "Meeting with Dr. Julius A. Stratton, Executive Vice President and Provost, MIT and Dr. Max Millikan, Director of CENIS." Strong believed that in order to undertake such a review they would need the full backing and support of DCI Smith.

(25) See Chadwell, memorandum for DCI, "Unidentified Flying Objects," 2 December 1952. See also Chadwell, memorandum for Amory, DDI, "Approval in Principle - External Research Project Concerned with Unidentified Flying Objects," no date.

(26) The IAC was created in 1947 to serve as a coordinating body in establishing intelligence requirements. Chaired by the DCI, the IAC included representatives from the Department of State, the Army, the Air Force, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the FBI, and the AEC.

(27) See Klass, UFOs, p. 27.

(28) See Richard D. Drain, Acting Secretary, IAC, "Minutes of Meeting held in Director's Conference Room, Administration Building, CIA," 4 December 1952.

(29) See Chadwell, memorandum for the record, "British Activity in the Field of UFOs," 18 December 1952.

(30) See Chadwell, memorandum for DCI, "Consultants for Advisory Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects," 9 January 1953; Curtis Peebles, Watch the Skies! A Chronicle of the Flying Saucer Myth (Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Press, 1994). pp. 73-90; and Jacobs, The UFO Controversy, pp. 91-92.

(31) See Fred C. Durant III, Report on the Robertson Panel Meeting, January 1953. Durant, on contract with OSI and a past president of the American Rocket Society, attended the Robertson panel meetings and wrote a summary of the proceedings.

(32) See Report of the Scientific Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects (the Robertson Report), 17 January 1953 and the Durant report on the panel discussions.

(33) See Robertson Report and Durant Report. See also Good, Above Top Secret, pp. 337-38, Jacobs, The UFO Controversy, p. 95, and Klass, UFO's, pp. 28-29.

(34) See Reber, memorandum to IAC, 18 February 1953.

(35) See Chadwell, memorandum for DDI, "Unidentified Flying Objects," 10 February 1953; Chadwell, letter to Robertson, 28 January 1953; and Reber, memorandum for IAC, "Unidentified Flying Objects," 18 February 1953. On briefing the ONE, see Durant, memorandum for the record, "Briefing of ONE Board on Unidentified Flying Objects," 30 January 1953 and CIA Summary disseminated to the field, "Unidentified Flying Objects," 6 February 1953.

(36) See Chadwell, letter to Julius A. Stratton, Provost MIT, 27 January 1953.

(37) See Chadwell, memorandum for Chief, Physics and Electronics Division/OSI (Todos M. Odarenko), "Unidentified Flying Objects," 27 May 1953.

(38) See Odarenko, memorandum to Chadwell, "Unidentified Flying Objects," 3 July 1953. See also Odarenko, memorandum to Chadwell, "Current Status of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOB) Project," 17 December 1953.

(39) See Odarenko, memorandum, "Unidentified Flying Objects," 8 August 1955.

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(63) See Edwin M. Ashcraft, Chief, Contact Division, Office of Operations, memorandum for Austin Bricker, Jr., Assistant to the Director, "Inquiry by Major Donald E. Keyhoe on John Hazen's Association with the Agency," 22 January 1959.

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- (80) See Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense, News Release, "Air Force to Terminate Project BLUEBOOK," 17 December 1969. The Air Force retired BLUEBOOK records to the USAF Archives at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. In 1976 the Air Force turned over all BLUEBOOK files to the National Archives and Records Administration, which made them available to the public without major restrictions. Some names have been withheld from the documents. See Klass, UFOs, p. 6.
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- (82) See Klass, UFOs, p. 8.
- (83) See Wilson, letter to Spaulding, 26 March 1976 and GSW v. CIA Civil Action Case 78-859.
- (84) GSW v. CIA Civil Action Case 78-859, p. 2.
- (85) Author interview with Launie Ziebell, 23 June 1994 and author interview with OSI analyst, 21 July 1994. See also affidavits of George Owens, CIA Information and Privacy Act Coordinator; Karl H. Weber, OSI; Sidney D. Stembridge, Office of Security; and Rutledge P. Hazzard, DS&T; GSW v. CIA Civil Action Case 78-859 and Sayre Stevens, Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment, memorandum for Thomas H. White, Assistant for Information, Information Review Committee, "FOIA Litigation Ground Saucer Watch," no date.
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- (89) See GSW v. CIA Civil Action 78-859. See also Klass, UFOs, pp. 10-12.
- (90) See John Brennan, memorandum for Richard Warshaw, Executive Assistant, DCI, "Requested Information on UFOs," 30 September 1993; Author interviews with OSWR analyst, 14 June 1994 and OSI analyst, 21 July 1994. This author found almost no documentation on Agency involvement with UFOs in the 1980s.

There is a DIA Psychic Center and the NSA studies parapsychology, that branch of psychology that deals with the investigation of such psychic phenomena as clairvoyance, extrasensory perception, and telepathy. The CIA reportedly is also a member of an Incident Response Team to investigate UFO landings, if one should occur. This team has never met. The lack of solid CIA documentation on Agency UFO-related activities in the 1980s leaves the entire issue somewhat murky for this period.

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(92) See John Diamond, "Air Force Probes 1947 UFO Claim Findings Are Down to Earth," 9 September 1994, Associated Press release; William J. Broad, "Wreckage of a 'Spaceship': Of This Earth (and U.S.)," *The New York Times*, 18 September 1994, p. 1; and USAF Col. Richard L. Weaver and 1st Lt. James McAndrew, *The Roswell Report, Fact Versus Fiction in New Mexico Desert* (Washington, DC: GPO, 1995).

(93) See Good, *Above Top Secret*; Moore and S. T. Friedman, "Philip Klass and MJ-12: What are the Facts," (Burbank California: Fair-Witness Project, 1988), Publication Number 1290; Klass, "New Evidence of MJ-12 Hoax," *Skeptical Inquirer*, vol. 14 (Winter 1990); and Moore and Jaime H. Shandera, *The MJ-12 Documents: An Analytical Report* (Burbank, California: Fair-Witness Project, 1990), Publication Number 1500. Walter Bedell Smith supposedly replaced Forrestal on 1 August 1950 following Forrestal's death. All members listed were deceased when the MJ-12 "documents" surfaced in 1984. See Peebles, *Watch the Skies*, pp. 258-268.

Dr. Larry Bland, editor of *The George C. Marshall Papers*, discovered that one of the so-called Majestic-12 documents was a complete fraud. It contained the exact same language as a letter from Marshall to Presidential candidate Thomas Dewey regarding the "Magic" intercepts in 1944. The dates and names had been altered and "Magic" changed to "Majic." Moreover, it was a photocopy, not an original. No original MJ-12 documents have ever surfaced. Telephone conversation between the author and Bland, 29 August 1994.

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Secret aircraft:

U2 as explanation for UFO reports

In 1997 the CIA published an article that describes its involvement in the history of UFO phenomena. According to historian and author Jerry Haines, the CIA believed that when the U-2 high altitude spy plane began flying in early August, 1955, "commercial pilots and air traffic controllers began reporting a large increase in UFO sightings." But CIA's UFO explanation is preposterous.

1997: CIA claims UFOs were the U2 secret aircraft:

The U-2 is the high altitude spy plane made famous by the 1960 shootdown of Gary Powers as he flew over the Soviet Union and by photos of Russian missile sites in Cuba during the "Cuban Missile Crisis." Mr. Haines has written, "According to later estimates from CIA officials who worked on the U-2 project and the OXCART (SR-71 or Blackbird) project, over half of all UFO reports from the late 1950's through the 1960's were accounted for by manned reconnaissance flights (namely the U-2) over the United States. This led the Air Force to make misleading and deceptive statements to the public in order to allay public fears and to protect an extraordinarily sensitive national security project. While perhaps justified, this deception added fuel to the later conspiracy theories and the cover-up

controversy of the 1970's. The percentage of what the Air force considered unexplained UFO sightings fell to 5.9 percent in 1955 and to 4 percent in 1956."

#### First prototype

This explanation for many ("over half of all") UFO reports is new in the sense that it has never before been publicized. It was not contained within documents released by the CIA in December, 1978 after a lawsuit filed under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (FOIPA) by Ground Saucer Watch, a civilian UFO organization which closed in the early 1980's. According to Mr. Haines the U-2 was reported as a UFO because "the early U-2's were silver (they were later painted black) and reflected the rays of the sun, especially at sunrise and sunset. They often appeared as fiery objects to observers below. Air Force Blue Book investigators, aware of the secret U-2 flights, tried to explain away such sightings by linking them to natural phenomena such as ice crystals and temperature inversions. By checking with the Agency's U-2 Project Staff in Washington, Blue Book investigators were able to attribute many UFO sightings to U-2 flights. They were careful, however, not to reveal the true cause of the sighting to the public."

Project Blue Book was the publicly known Air Force effort to collect UFO sightings and explain, or at least categorize, them as explainable or unexplainable. Project Blue Book ran from early 1951 through 1969. When it closed Blue Book and its predecessors (Project Sign, 1948, and Project Grudge, 1949-1951) had collected about 13,000 sightings, of which about 700 were left unexplained.

The claim that the U-2 caused "over half of all UFO reports from the late 1950's through the 1960's" is, to put it gently, preposterous. The U-2, with its 80 feet long by 6 feet wide (front to back) wingspan flew at 60-70,000 feet and at that altitude was essentially invisible during the day. It created no contrail because of the lack of moisture at that altitude. It was, after all, intended to be invisible! During the hour before sunrise and the hour following sunset it would be possible for an unpainted aircraft to reflect the sun enough to be visible, perhaps with a reddish glow resulting from the reddening of sunlight (caused by passage of the sunlight through the atmosphere, which acts like a filter that removes blue and green relative to red). High altitude balloons (e.g., Project Skyhook) did cause some UFO reports during these times of day and were so identified by the Air Force and civilian investigators. However, only a small fraction of sightings occur during these times. The largest fraction of sightings is at night when the U-2 can't be seen and the next largest fraction is during the daytime.

A check of the Project Blue Book sighting statistics, which includes sightings by pilots and air traffic controllers as well as by military personnel and civilians, shows the following: for July, 1955 there were 89 reports and for August there were 67. These numbers are the sum of explained and unexplained sightings and so, presumably, include U-2 sightings, if any. These numbers show that the sighting rate **\*\*diminished\*\*** just as the U-2 started flying. The Blue Book record shows about 316 sightings in the 6 months before the U-2 and about 326 in the six months afterward. Not much change over this longer time period. Mr. Haines has pointed out that the percent unexplained fell from 5.9% in 1955 to 4% in 1956, with the implication that this decrease was a result of more explained U-2 sightings. If we assume that the increase in sightings from 316 to 326, mentioned above, was caused by the U-2, then the U-2 could account for about  $100 \times (10/320) = 3\%$  of the sightings in the 6 months following. Hence these statistics do not bear out the claim that there was a large increase in sightings by any segment of the population, pilots and air traffic controllers included, once the U-2 aircraft started flying.

Statistics based on a different set of data are contained within the "U Database" of over 14,000 sightings by Larry Hatch (Larry Hatch Software, 142 Jeter St., Redwood City, CA 94025-1957). This excellent PC based software provides statistics that are based on unexplained sightings recorded by Project Blue Book and by civilian UFO groups such as NICAP. If Project Blue Book

investigators explained some sightings as the U-2, these sightings would not appear in the list of unexplained Blue Book sightings and hence would not be included in this database. On the other hand, the far larger collection of non-Blue Book sightings in this database could include U-2 sightings, if the CIA is correct, that were not identified by civilian investigators who were unaware of the U-2's existence and hence a comparison of the sighting statistics before and after U-2 flights started could provide evidence that the U-2 was being reported as a UFO. In this database you can find the following:

YEAR/MONTH: Jan: Feb: Mar: Apr: May: Jun: Jul: Aug: Sep: Oct: Nov:  
Dec: TOTAL:

|      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |    |     |
|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|
| 1953 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |    | 188 |
| 1954 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 17 | 25 | 28 | 18 | 14 | 18 | 4  | 15  | 10 | 187 |
| 1955 | 11 | 8  | 9  | 4  | 12 | 11 | 30 | 29 | 12 | 13 | 12  | 6  | 157 |
| 1956 | 10 | 11 | 7  | 5  | 13 | 20 | 33 | 43 | 9  | 6  | 12  | 3  | 174 |
| 1957 | 3  | 6  | 7  | 3  | 6  | 5  | 12 | 7  | 9  | 10 | 110 | 11 | 189 |
| 1958 | 5  | 0  | 4  | 8  | 3  | 5  | 2  | 8  | 4  | 12 | 6   | 1  | 58  |

The above table shows that there is scant evidence of a jump in sighting rate following the first flight of the U-2 on August 4, 1955. The surprising jump in November, 1957 is coincident with the "Sputnik flap" which occurred just after Sputnik 2 was launched.

This flap is noted for the large number of close-range car-stopping events. Most of the sightings were not sightings of Sputnik itself. As a matter of fact, due to the Sputnik events, many more people than usual looked at the sky at night, which explains a higher number of sightings.

An even more telling set of statistics uses the sightings which occurred near sunrise or sunset when, according to Mr. Haines, the U-2 would have appeared as a shiny or fiery bright spot in the sky. TIME 0400 to 0700 (which encompasses the time before sunrise) (With a time window this wide we get an overestimate of the number of sightings just before sunrise since the time of sunrise varies during the year.) August 1955 is noted by \*\_\*.

YEAR/MONTH: Jan: Feb: Mar: Apr: May: Jun: Jul: Aug: Sep: Oct: Nov:  
Dec: TOTAL:

|      |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |   |   |    |   |    |
|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|---|---|----|---|----|
| 1953 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0 | 1 | 1  | 1 | 5  |
| 1954 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1   | 2 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 7  |
| 1955 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | *2* | 1 | 1 | 1  | 0 | 7  |
| 1956 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2   | 1 | 0 | 1  | 0 | 15 |
| 1957 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1   | 0 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 19 |
| 1958 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 1  |

TIME: 17:00 to 21:00, which encompasses the time after sunset, with a time window this wide we get an overestimate of the number of sightings just after sunset since local sunset time varies during the year.

YEAR/MONTH: Jan: Feb: Mar: Apr: May: Jun: Jul: Aug: Sep: Oct: Nov:  
Dec: TOTAL:

|      |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |     |   |   |    |   |    |
|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|---|---|----|---|----|
| 1953 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2  | 4   | 6 | 2 | 7  | 3 | 44 |
| 1954 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 5  | 2   | 4 | 2 | 4  | 0 | 40 |
| 1955 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 10 | *7* | 2 | 4 | 5  | 2 | 46 |
| 1956 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6  | 12  | 2 | 0 | 3  | 0 | 37 |
| 1957 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0  | 3   | 1 | 2 | 26 | 3 | 38 |
| 1958 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1  | 1   | 2 | 0 | 1  | 0 | 10 |

There is no statistical support for a sudden increase in the number of sightings at sunrise or sunset when the U-2 started flying. On the contrary, the number of sightings in August 1955 was lower than during the previous month.

In the early 1960's many of the U-2s were painted black or other camouflage colors thus reducing the number of U-2's that could potentially be seen by glint reflection from the sun.

Moreover, many unexplained sightings involved relatively nearby, structured objects, not nearly invisible distant points of reflected light. These objects



were reported to move rapidly at speeds that would far exceed in apparent speed that of the U-2, flying at about 500 mph at 70,000 ft. The U-2 would seem to move slowly, if seen at all.

See also:

U-2 fact sheet.

Other secret aircraft supposed to explain UFOs:

Horten flying wings.

SNECMA's Coléoptère.

Boeing Bird of Prey.

X-47A Pegasus.

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Secret aircraft:

The U-2 spy plane provided day or night, high-altitude, all-weather, stand-off surveillance of an area in direct support of U.S. and allied ground and air forces. It provides critical intelligence to decision makers through all phases of the cold war, indications and warnings, crises, low-intensity conflict and large-scale hostilities. Basically, it was a light weight glider with a jet engine.

Lockheed U-2 reconnaissance aircraft:

First prototype

USAF's U-2 fact sheet:

Mission

The U-2 provides continuous day and night, high-altitude, all-weather surveillance and reconnaissance in direct support of U.S. and allied ground and air forces. It provides critical intelligence to decision makers through all phases of conflict, including peacetime indications and warnings, crises, low-intensity conflict and large-scale hostilities.

Features

The U-2S is a single-seat, single-engine, high-altitude, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft. Long, narrow, straight wings give the U-2 glider-like characteristics and allow it to lift heavy sensor payloads to unmatched high altitudes quickly, and keep them there for a long time. The U-2 is capable of collecting multi-sensor photo, electro-optic, infrared and radar imagery, as well as collecting signals intelligence data. It can down link all data, except photo imagery, in near real-time to anywhere in the world, providing war planners with the latest intelligence possible.

The U-2 has one of the highest mission completion rates in the U.S. Air Force despite the fact that the aircraft is the most difficult to fly due to its unusually challenging takeoff and landing characteristics. Due to its high-altitude mission, the pilot must wear a full pressure suit.

The aircraft has a General Electric F-118-101 engine that is fuel efficient and lightweight - negating the need for air refueling on long duration missions. The

fleet is undergoing an entire rewire effort to lower its overall electronic noise signature and allow a quieter platform for the newest generation of sensors. The sensors are also in a state of constant upgrades. The cockpit is being redesigned to replace the 1960s vintage round dial gauges with multifunction displays and complete "glass cockpit" technology.

#### Background

Current models are derived from the original version that made its first flight in August 1955. On Oct. 14, 1962, the U-2 photographed the Soviet military installing offensive missiles in Cuba. It provided critical intelligence data during all phases of operations Desert Storm and Allied Force. The U-2 provides daily peacetime indications and warning intelligence collection from its current operating locations around the world.

When requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U-2 has also provided peacetime reconnaissance data in support of disaster relief from floods, earthquakes and forest fires, and has been used as a search and rescue asset on several occasions.

The U-2R, first flown in 1967, was 40 percent larger and more capable than the original aircraft. A tactical reconnaissance version, the TR-1A, first flew in August 1981 and was delivered to the Air Force the next month. Designed for standoff tactical reconnaissance in Europe, the TR-1 was structurally identical to the U-2R. Operational TR-1A's were used by the 17th Reconnaissance Wing, Royal Air Force Station, Alconbury, England, starting in February 1983. The last U-2 and TR-1 aircraft were delivered to the Air Force in October 1989. In 1992 all TR-1s and U-2s were designated U-2Rs. All U-2R models have since completed engine replacement and are designated as a U-2S/TU-2S.

U-2s are based at the 9th Reconnaissance Wing, Beale Air Force Base, Calif., and support national and tactical collection requirements from various operational detachments located worldwide. U-2 crewmembers are trained at Beale using four two-seat model aircraft (designated TU-2S).

#### General Characteristics

Primary Function: High-altitude reconnaissance

Contractor: Lockheed Martin Aeronautics

Power Plant: One General Electric F-118-101 engine

Thrust: 17,000 pounds

Length: 63 feet (19.2 meters)

Height: 16 feet (4.8 meters)

Wingspan: 105 feet (32 meters)

Speed: 475+ miles per hour (Mach 0.58)

Maximum Takeoff Weight: 40,000 pounds (18,000 kilograms)

Range: 7,000 miles (6,090+ nautical miles)

Ceiling: Above 70,000 feet (21,212+ meters)

Crew: One (two in trainer models)

Date Deployed: U-2, August 1955; U-2R, 1967; U-2S, October 1994

Cost: Classified

Inventory: Active force, 37 (4 two-seat trainers and two operated by NASA);

Reserve, 0; ANG, 0

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#### Source:

USAF's "U-2 fact sheet", Air Combat Command, Public Affairs Office; 115 Thompson St., Suite 211; Langley AFB, VA 23665-1987; DSN 574-5007 or (804) 764-5007.

See also:

[www.cia.gov/csi/studies/winter98-99/art01.html](http://www.cia.gov/csi/studies/winter98-99/art01.html)

CIA recently claimed, against its own archived evidence, that the U-2 spy plane "explains" 50% of the UFO observations in the years following its first flight. It is statistically wrong.

Other secret aircraft supposed to explain UFOs:

Horten flying wings.  
SNECMA's Coléoptère.  
Boeing Bird of Prey.  
X-47A Pegasus.  
AURORA.

A-17.  
S-4.  
The LoFlyte.

U-2.  
F-117.  
X-15.  
B-2.  
Black helicopters.  
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And also...

UFO reports that can be referred to evaluate if they are caused by planes can be found here.

A UFO report where the witnesses thought they saw a plane is given as example here.

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Unconventional aircraft:

Even serious aeronautics magazines have sometimes published articles claiming that UFOs are WWII "German secret" unconventional aircraft. This is of course quite ridiculous. I hope that my documentation effort on unconventional aircraft can help anyone to differentiate again myths and reality about German WWII unconventional aircraft, as the USAF did as soon as 1949.

German Horten flying wings:

Reimar and Walter Horten were two brothers who were born and raised in the Germany of the early 20th century. This was an exciting time for aviation, as almost everything was new, and there was plenty of room for new designs. Being blessed with parents who supported their efforts, to the extent of having the dining room become part of the construction site, Reimar was fascinated by the idea of airplanes which consisted solely of a wing, without the struts, wires, wheels, and various surfaces which dominated the airplanes of the day. The Horten brother were not at all the inventors of the flying wing design which was already used in kites and gliders as early as 1904, but they were absolutely single-minded about it and they never designed and other type of planes than flying wings, called "Nurflügel" in German, which means "wing only."

The treaty of Versailles forbade Germany to construct aircraft. So, German engineers constructed gliders, and thus the Horten brothers started with gliders, building test models as early as 1929 when they were still young boys. Walter Horten spent the first six months of the war as fighter pilot on the western front, flying a Me 109 in Fighter Squadron No. 26.

Above: Walter Horten testing a flying wing model, 1929.

Above: The Horten logo.

Horten Ho I:

At this time, Reimar was still in school and Walter in the military; all the construction and testing was done on their spare time and own funding. The tests

of the Ho I started in July 1933 at the Bonn-Hangelar airport. It glided from altitudes of 150 to 300 feet. The maximal gliding speed was estimated 228 km/h, and 170 km/h were actually reached. The glider had many stability problems; which the Horten brother tried to fix in-between tests.

Above: The Hortens and some of their helpers with the Ho I.

In a glider contest where the Ho 1 was confronted to better and more conventional gliders, the Ho 1 earned the Horten brother a "Construction Prize" of DM 600, but no financial support was promised for their next project. A week later the glider school Director ordered Walter to retire from the competition and get rid of the Ho 1. Walter made one last "farewell" flight in the Ho 1, crashed it, then dismantled it, and burned it the following day.

Horten Ho II:

Also built in their home, the Horten brother's second design Ho 2l was ready after nine months. Three "l" subtypes were then constructed at Lippstadt, Germany, in 1937, and taken to the Bonn-Hangelar airport in May 1935. The pilot was in a reclining position, transparent panels were supposed to ensure visibility but they did poorly. Stability was much better than with Ho 1, although not all problems were solved.

The brothers were able to borrow a 60 HP Hirth engine, and after a three month long modification program, they were able to take off an Ho 2m on their own. They had calculated that only 20 HP was needed for takeoff; the excess power of the Hirth engine allowed it to accelerate to 180 km by the time it reached the far end of the runway. The Ho II would climb to 3000 feet in two and a half minute.

The world famous German test pilot Hanna Reitsch flew it near Berlin in November 1938, and wrote a quite negative report:

Comfort: Mediocre.

Visibility: Poor.

Entry/exit: Athletes only.

Instrument panel: Fair.

Gear operation: Only possible for long armed pilot's.

Steering friction: Unacceptable.

Takeoff: Stick all the way back to break ground.

Landing: Simple, with good glide path control.

Stability: Difficult to assess, since the stick remains where it is put due to friction.

Pitch response: Normal.

Roll control: Unfriendly, some flutter in turbulence.

Larger pictures of Ho II here.

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Above: Horten Ho 2.

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Above: Horten Ho 2 in NASM museum, California.

Horten Ho III:

The pilot stretched flat on his stomach, bent slightly at the waist and knees, feet resting on rudder pedals hinged above his heels. A padded chin rest supported his head which projected into the leading edge of the wing. Clear plastic panels formed the leading edge for several feet above, below, and to either side of the pilot. Visibility was good and drag greatly reduced. However, neither view nor pilot comfort in the H IIIIf approached the outstanding qualities of the semi-prone layout Reimar Horten developed for the Ho IV and Ho VI sailplanes.

One pilot was killed and another wounded when several Ho III and other gliders in a competition on August 6, 1938 were swallowed in a thunderstorm. Four Horten Ho 3 appeared at the Wasserkuppe in 1939, where Scheidhauer made Gold-C distance, by flying over 200 miles.

With the blessing of the Air Ministry, ten Ho 3b were constructed in Bonn, some would be converted to a "d" model, with the installation of a Walter Micron engine and conventional pilot position. Lastly a Horten IIIIf and a possibly two seater IIIIg were built in 1944 at Goettingen.

Pilot Josef Eggert flew the Ho IIIIg twenty times during September 1944, amassing 14 hours and 17 minutes of total flight time. Eggert reported excellent handling qualities but he apparently preferred not to grapple with adverse yaw. Horten test pilot, Heinz Schiedhauer, and another experienced glider pilot, Hermann Strebel, conducted test flights of models equipped with various additional test equipment.

The fuselage and other parts of a Ho 3 are visible at the Smithsonian Institute in the US.

Larger pictures of Ho III here.

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Above: Horten Ho III version b.

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Above: Horten Ho III version e.

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Above: Horten Ho III version f.

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Above: Horten Ho III at an air show, presented to the very popular German test pilot Hannah Reitsch.

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Above: Horten Ho III rudder from the Smithsonian institute. Notice the specifications: plane weighs 298 kg and can carry 180 kg.

Horten Ho IV:

After the invasion of the U-K was canceled, Reimar Horten had the opportunity to start on the next project, the Ho IV. Work was started with no official approval in December 1940 at the glider pilot school in Braunschweig, until the school was moved to Koenigsberg in December 1941. The building of the Ho IV continued in Koenigsberg, and the aircraft was completed in just eight months.

The first Ho IV flew in May 1941. After a few low level winch tows, Horten's test pilot Scheidhauer took an aerotow to 10,000 feet and returned after more than one hour in the air. Without official approval, the flight tests continued quietly, with up to 50 flying hours per month.

A reconstructed Ho IV was even flown by Dezso George-Falvy during tests at Mississippi State University in the US in 1959. A Ho IV is also currently at the Planes of Fame Museum in Chino, California, where restoration work is continuing.

Larger pictures of Ho IV here.

Above: Horten Ho IV.

Horten Ho V:

The Ho V was actually the world's first plane built of composite material: a close relationship with the chemical company Dynamit AG in Troisdorf had developed during the construction of the Ho 2, and "Mipolan" and "Astralon" material were made available for various curved parts, which worked out so well that it appeared the time had come to try to build an entire aircraft from these new materials. A weight saving of 15% was realized, with no loss in strength.

The Ho 5 had been parked in the open since the start of the war, and was deteriorating fast. The Horten brothers finally managed to get permission to have it repaired in August of 1941: the Air Ministry became interested in an aircraft concept in which there was full rear view. The tests were unfortunately interrupted when an engine failed during takeoff and a wing tip touched the ground, causing a total loss of the aircraft.

Larger pictures and more pictures of Ho V here.

Above: Horten Ho 5.

Above: Horten Ho 5b.

Above: Horten Ho 5c.

Horten "Parabola":

Reimar Horten designed this concept with the claim that the "parabola" shape is theoretically the most efficient and has the minimum induced drag, so he decided to build an entirely parabolic glider. He got actually this idea from a flying seed, *Zanonia Macrocarpia*, which is found in Southeast Asia. When mature, the seed drops from the vine and glides to a new location to reproduce itself. The seed was well known by flying win engineers and has already inspired kites and gliders as early as 1904.

The Horten parabola had no motorization, and was designed only for high altitude flights. Because of the curved shape, it was very difficult to construct it, so only one prototype was finished, The aircraft warped severely during winter storage, and was burned and scrapped without ever being flown.

This did not bother some speculators that do not think that UFOs can be of extraterrestrial origin: they claimed that the Horten Parabola is the explanation for the famous observation by Kenneth Arnold in 1947, simply because a drawing made from Arnold's description of the aircraft he saw included that they had a parabolic shape. The fact that the only exemplary of the wooden non-motorized Horten Parabola glider never flew and was long scrapped did not bother them much.

Larger pictures of the Horten Parabola here.

Above: Horten "Parabola."

Above: Horten "Parabola" on fire.

Horten Ho VI:

Two Horten VI gliders were built by Reimar Horten in 1944. He clearly intended a high aspect ratio glider with ultra-high performance to succeed to the Horten IV. The Horten VI V1 flew once and survived war's end but advancing Allied ground forces destroyed it. The second prototype never flew. It is now in the NASM collection.

Larger picture of the Horten VI here.

Above: Horten Ho VI.

Horten Ho VII:

The Luftwaffe wanted a test aircraft for their new Schmitt-Argus pulse jet engine, and inquired about using the Ho V. As the thrust of the engine was in excess of what the aircraft could handle, a new, heavier aircraft with similar features was proposed. This would be the Ho VII, a fully acrobatic two seater, with provisions for the jet engine between its two pusher propellers. The fuselage was in dural and the wings in wood.

The Ho VII would also be an excellent training aircraft. One prototype was ordered from the Peschke factory in Minden.

The Ho VII with Luftwaffe designation 8-254, was soon completed, but did not receive the pulse jet as planned, and remained a training aircraft. The Peschke plant needed additional work, and soon six Ho III's were in production. Using parts from surplus Ho III b's, one model "e" with VW engine, three "f"s with prone pilot accommodation and two "g" two seaters were completed.

The first flight was in 1944, the aircraft was then demonstrated before Reichsmarshal Goering in an attempt to quell the official distrust of flying wings.

Larger picture and additional picture of the Horten VI here.

Above: Horten Ho 7.

Horten Ho VIII:

Reimar Horten says in his biography:

Our next project was a large aircraft with 120 feet span and six engines. This Ho VIII would have two fuselage pod configurations one for cargo, the other build as a flying wind tunnel. Unfortunately, no contract was received to build it.

However, the construction progressed quickly through the spring of 1945, and the aircraft was half finished when the American forces reached Goettingen.

In February 1945 a committee under Professor Bock with representatives from Junkers, Messerschmitt and Horten, deliberated over the optimum design for a 4-jet-engined bomber. Designs by Junkers (Ju 287. A swept forward tailed aircraft), Messerschmitt (Project 1107 as swept back tailed aircraft), and Horten (swept back tailless) were considered, and a joint report issued giving the committee's opinion on the best estimate for relative performance. Junkers published the report.

The specification to be noted was for 900 km/h at 10 km height and a range of 3,000 km using four H 11 jets. According to Horten the committee decided that his machine, given the same top speed as the others would have more range and less landing speed. (125 km/h against the 175 km/h for the others.) Alternatively he could carry 8 tons of bombs against the 4 by his competitors for the same range.

The dimensions of the aircraft were roughly as follows:

Ju and Me: Horten VIII:

Span:

17-18 m      30 m

Aspect Ratio:

5.5      5.5

Wing pressure:

500-600 kg/sq.in. 220 kg/sq.in.

All the above figures were remembered by Reimar Horten, who used them as a rough illustration. They are not necessarily accurate.

In the structural design Reimar Horten reckoned to save 6% of the all up weight (spar and rib weight) compared with the conventional type. He thought the committee a bit unfair because they insisted on increasing his estimate of structure weight by about a ton.

Horten Ho IX:

The Horten Ho IX was an experimental jet fighter-bomber. It was intended to use the same Junker 004 engine that would successfully equip the Messerschmitt Me 262. Development of the operational combat version was assigned to the Gotha company, where it was known by the designation Go-229.

A first prototype had no motorization, it was intended as glider for stability tests. The second aircraft, scheduled to fly three months later, was awaiting its engines, promised in March 1945. Reimar Horten says in his biography:

In March 1943, the performance curves and installation drawings for the Junkers 004 jet engine came into our hands. Walter had seen the Me 262, and obtained data that had previously been kept secret. Work on the Ho VII was put aside, as we eagerly sought to submit a proposal for the 1000-1000-1000 jet that Reichsmarshal Goering had requested. Our proposal was accepted, and the Reichsmarshal ordered the first Ho IX (8-229) to be flown within six months.

The Ho IX contract generated a flurry of activity that none of our workshops could handle alone. Thus, the work was spread out, and efficiency suffered. For flight tests, a Ho III was modified with 60 sweep back to become the Ho XIII a, and two high aspect ratio Ho VI's were built in Aegidienberg for "middle-effect" testing.

"Despite the hardships, the Ho IX V-1 flew in March 1 as a glider, precise on schedule. The jet powered V-2 was scheduled to fly three months later. Several weeks passed, and then... Disaster! The engines arrived with an accessory section added to the case, making the cross section oval, and the diameter 20 cm greater! No one had bothered to inform us! Now, just six weeks before the first flight, we were faced with the problem of fitting an 80 cm engine into an aircraft with a 60 cm hole in the spar! It meant that the wing would have to be made thicker."

On the more conventional Me 262, this would not have been a problem, as the jet engines were attached under the wing. But for the Horten IX where the jet engines were to be integrated in the wing, it meant that the whole plane had to be redesigned.

"After the first successful flight of the Ho IX V-2, the Ho VIII project was approved, and the aircraft was half finished when the war ended. The production contract for the Ho IX was awarded to the Gothaer Waggonfabrik."

Test pilot Erwin Ziller's flight log book mentions a first flight with the two jet engines on February 2, 1945, whereas Reimar Horten claims the first flight occurred on December 18, 1944.

This was of course too late. On April 14, 1945, the US Army arrived at the production plant and seized the Go 229. The half finished first production Horten 9 aka Gotha Go 229 is now stored at the Planes of Fame Museum in Chino, California.

Another interesting item is that this series of Horten flying wings were constructed mainly with wood, covered with a special fabric, and the combination of this construction and the flying wing design itself had the consequence that the plane had been barely detectable on radar. Several decades before the US



F-117 and B2, the Hortens did actually almost put a flying wing stealth jet fighter-bomber in production.

A drawing of the Ho 9 is often shown: it is the cover from the model kit made by Dragon Models Limited (DML) [1/48 Master Series: Kit#5505 Ho229A-1 Flying Wing]. Revell also sells a 1/72 model kit of Ho IX.

Larger picture and additional picture of the Horten IX [here](#).

Color pictures of the Ho IX at NASM museum.

Above: Horten Ho 9 before a test flight.

Above: Horten Ho 9. The jet engines visible in this photographs were not actual jet engines but dummies used as placeholders.

Horten Ho X:

The Ho X was a high speed arrow shaped flying wing inspired by Busemann's statement in 1936 of the beneficial effect of sweepback on delay of the shock stall. This apparently cheered up the Horten brothers and gave them new proof that they were working on the right lines. They took some inspiration from similar concepts by Lippish also.

Initial work on the H X consisted of experiments with flying models of 10 feet length weighing about 8-10 kg. From these they deduced the CG position needed for satisfactory flight with low aspect ratio and high sweepback, and found that they got good results with 4° dihedral and no fin area. The next step was man carrying glider model weighing 400 kg.

Work on the glider Ho X was in progress at Hersfeld. But on June 4, 1945 the location were found to be used as an M.T. servicing depot and all aircraft components had been dumped in a basement. Only one wing rib and the main spar could be found. All drawings and calculations had gone.

The next step was to have been a power version with an Argus AS 10C pusher engine. The final development was envisioned as a jet propelled aircraft, with the same general dimensions, weighing 6-7,000 kg. A single H 11 jet engine was proposed and a supersonic top speed of 1,200 km/h was expected with 1,300 kg thrust; the thrust was to be improved to 1,500 kg.

The propelled Ho X existed only as a plastic model kit for kids, ref. SHARKIT 72007.

Larger pictures and additional picture of the Horten X model kit [here](#).

Left: Horten Ho 10 model.

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Horten Ho XI:

The Horten Ho XI was an acrobatic glider of 8 meters span. It was built at Hersfeld and had no features of special interest.

Larger picture of the Horten XI [here](#).

Above: Horten Ho 11.

Horten Ho XII:

The Ho 12 was a light side by side two seater with a 100 hp engine. It was

intended as a private owners coupe but R.L.M. were interested in it as a trainer. The first of the type was built and flown at Goettingen, where it was found destroyed in June 1945, as a glider; work was also in progress at Kirtorf where a mock up of the power center section was found, badly damaged by fire.

General dimensions were as follows:

Span:

10 m

Aspect Ratio:

8

Wing Area:

32 sp./m (345 sp.ft.)

Leading Edge Sweepback:

30°

Weight:

700 kg (1,550 lb.)

Wing Loading:

2.19 kg/sq.in. (4.5 lb/sq.ft.)

Little flying had been done, but it was found that the same troubles were arising as on the Ho 4b. The laminar flow sections were causing bad tip stalling and loss of control effectiveness at the stall.

Horten Ho XIII:

Ho XIII was a glider to test the swept-back wing concept for the Ho X, but the war ended before Ho X was constructed.

Larger picture of the Horten XIII here.

Above: Horten Ho 13a.

Horten Ho XIV:

This was a sports sailplane designed to conform to the 1939 Olympic Games specification. It was designed for simplicity and ease of production. The first aircraft was built from sketches and proper drawings for the production type were made later with slight modifications. Construction was carried out at Hersfeld.

Performance was stated to be:

Maximum Gliding Ratio:

1:30 at 70 km/h

Minimum Sinking Speed:

0.62 m/sec at 55 km/h

Alfons Putzer remembers:

"As Goettingen fell to the advancing American troops, the Horten brothers, myself and a couple of staff members drove to Brandis near Leipzig with a trailer, containing the almost finished Ho XIV. The staff at the Me 163 base there, under the command of Wolfgang Spate, was cooperative, and gave us access to a workshop. As soon as our work got underway, both the Americans and the Russians were practically on our doorstep. The Hortens hurried off to Berlin, while I was asked to try to save the H XIV. The three of us remaining put the sailplane back in the trailer again, then managed to commandeer a Mercedes diesel truck, loaded it up with extra fuel cans, hooked up the trailer and headed West."

Horten Ho XVIII:

The Ho XVIII was basically shaped like the Ho 8, with aerodynamic refinements for a Mach speed of 0.75, 6 jet engines, and was intended to be used as a bomber with a 4000 miles operating range, which indicates an intent to bomb America. The idea behind it was probably to carry an atomic bomb to New York or Washington, but luckily for the allies, the bomb was still only theoretical, the

engines probably could not have lasted the journey, and the plane could not possibly have been completed before Germany surrendered.

Reimar Horten says in his biography:

"Our final contract; to develop a six jet long range bomber, was received on March 12, 1945."

"To gain some experience with large flying wings, I had proposed to double the size of a Ho III, equip it with six 640 HP pusher engines, give it an endurance of 20 hours at 500 km/h, and the ability to carry a few bombs. Such an aircraft would be useful in the North Atlantic war. The official argument against it was that "our bombers already do 500 km/h!"

"The order to proceed with the building of the Ho XVIII came, despite my arguments that preliminary calculations were not completed. Construction was started in Kahla near Weimar in April 1945."

Much too late again. Construction was never finished.

Larger drawing of the Horten XIII here.

Above: Horten Ho 18, illustration.

Recovery by the US Army Air Force:

Russell Lee of the Smithsonian institute tracked the recovery and shipment to the US of a significant number of Horten planes. He summarized:

They were insignificant to the German war effort, yet the Army Air Forces troubled themselves to acquire not one but four examples. Difficulties with the B-35 [Northrop Flying Wing] might have spurred interest in studying Reimar Horten's successful designs. The Air Force soon lost interest and the gliders fell on hard times. Yet they survived and now enjoy the attentions of a restoration team dedicated to preserving them. This is fortunate indeed for without doubt these fascinating artifacts have many more tales to tell.

US Air Intelligence investigation:

Here is the Air Intelligence report of investigations conducted to determine if the Horten brothers flying wings could be the source of flying saucers:

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S-2 Branch

APO 742, US ARMY  
16 December 47

Subject: Horton [sic] Brothers (Flying Saucers)

To: Deputy Director of Intelligence  
European Command, Frankfurt  
APO 757, US Army

1. The Horten brothers, Reimer and Walter, are residing in Goettingen at present. However, both of them are travelling a great deal throughout the Bi-Zone. Walter at present is travelling in Bavaria in search of a suitable place of employment. It is believed that he may have contacted USAFE Headquarters in Wiesbaden for possible evacuation to the United States under "Paper Clip". Reimar is presently studying advanced mathematics at the university of Bonn, and

is about to obtain his doctor's degree. It is believed that when his studies are completed he intends to accept a teaching position at the Institute for Technology (Technische Hochschule) in Braunschweig sometime in February or March 1948.

2. Both brothers are exceedingly peculiar and can be easily classified as eccentric and individualistic. Especially is this so of Reimer. He is the one who developed the theory of the flying wing and subsequently of all the models and aircrafts built by the brothers. Walter, on the other hand is the engineer who tried to put into practice the several somewhat fantastic ideas of his brother. The clash of personalities resulted in a continuous quarrel and friction between the two brothers. Reimer was always developing new ideas which would increase the speed of the aircraft or improve its maneuverability; Walter on the other hand was tearing down the fantastic ideas of his brother by practical calculations and considerations.

3. The two men worked together up to and including the "Horten VIII" a flying wing intended to be a fighter plane powered with two Hirt engines (HM-60-R) with a performance of approximately 650 horsepower each. After the "Horten VIII" was finished, one of the usual and frequent quarrels separated the two brothers temporarily. Walter went to work alone on the "Horten IX", which is a fighter plane of the flying wing design, with practically no changes from the model VIII except for the engines. Walter substituted the Hirt engines with BMW Jets of the type TL-004. The plane was made completely of plywood and was furnished with a Messerschmitt ME-109 landing gear.

The model of this aircraft (Horten IX) was tested extensively in the supersonic wind tunnel (Mach No. 1.0) of the aero-dynamic testing institute (Aerodynamische Versuchsanstalt), located in Goettingen. The tests were conducted in the late summer of 1944 under the personal supervision of Professor Betz, chief of the institute. Betz at that time was approximately sixty years old and next to Prandtl (then seventy-eight years old), was considered to be the best man on aerodynamics in Germany. Betz's attitude toward the flying wing is very conservative to say the least. Basically he is against the design of any flying wing. According to the official reports about the tests, air disturbances were created on the wing tips, resulting in air vacuums, which in turn would prevent the steering mechanism from functioning properly. This seems logical as, of course, neither the ailerons nor the rudders could properly accomplish their function in a partial vacuum created by air disturbances and whirls.

In spite of that, two Horten IX's were built and tried out by a test pilot, Eugen (now living in Goettingen) at Rechlin in the fall of 1944. One of the two planes, piloted by another test pilot, developed trouble with one of the jet engines while the pilot was trying to ascertain the maximum rate of climb. The right jet stopped suddenly, causing the aircraft to go into an immediate spin and subsequent crash in which the pilot was killed. Eugen, however, was more fortunate in putting the other ship through all the necessary paces without the least trouble. He maintains that the maximum speed attained was around 950 km per hour, and that there were no steering difficulties whatsoever, and that the danger of both head and tail spins was no greater than any other conventional aircraft.

After extensive tests, the Horten IX was accepted by the German Air Force as represented by Goering, who ordered immediate mass production. The first order went to Gothaer Waggon Fabrik, located in Gotha (Thuringia) in January 1945. Goering requested that ten planes be built immediately and that the entire factory was to concentrate and be converted to the production of the Horten IX. The firm in question received all the plans and designs of the ship. In spite of this explicit order, production of the Horten IX was never started. The technical manager of the firm, Berthold, immediately upon receipt of the plans, submitted a number of suggestions to improve the aircraft. It is believed that his intention was to eliminate the Horten brothers as inventors and to modify the ship to such an extent that it would be more his brain child than anybody else's. Numerous letters were exchanged from High Command of the German Air

Force and Dr. Berthold, which finally were interrupted by the armistice in May 1945. When US troops occupied the town of Gotha, the designs of the Horten IX were kept in hiding and not handed over to American Military authorities. The original designs in possession of the Horten brothers were hidden in a salt mine in Salzdettfurt, but the model tested by Eugen was destroyed in April 1945. The original designs were recovered from Salzdettfurt by British authorities in the summer of 1945.

The Horten brothers, together with Dr. Betz, Eugen and Dr. Stueper (the test pilot of the aerodynamic institute in Goettingen), were invited to go to England in the late summer of 1945 where they remained for approximately ninety days. They were interrogated and questioned about their ideas and were given several problems to work on. However Reimer was very unwilling to cooperate to any extent whatsoever, unless an immediate contract was offered to him and his brother. Walter, on the other hand, not being a theoretician, was unable to comply and Reimer was sufficiently stubborn not to move a finger. Upon their return to Goettingen Walter remained in contact with British authorities and was actually paid a salary by the British between October 1945 and April 1946, as the British contemplated but never did offer him employment. Walter subsequently had a final argument with his brother and the two decided to part. Reimer then went to the university of Bonn to obtain his degree, and Walter organized an engineering office in Goettingen which served as a cover firm to keep him out of trouble with the labor authorities. Walter married Fraulein von der Groeben, an extremely intelligent woman, former chief secretary to Air Force General Udet.

In the spring of 1947 Walter Horten heard about the flying wing design in the United States by Northrop and decided to write Northrop for employment. He was answered in the summer of 1947 by a letter in which Northrop pointed out that he, himself, could not do anything to get him over to the States, but that he would welcome it very much if he could come to the United States and take up employment with the firm. He recommended that Walter should get in touch with USAFE Headquarters in Wiesbaden in order to obtain necessary clearance.

4. As can be seen from the above, most of the Hortens' work took place in Western Germany. According to our source, neither of the brothers ever had any contact with any representative of the Soviet Air Force or any other foreign power. In spite of the fact that Reimer is rather disgusted with the British for not offering him a contract, it is believed very unlikely that he has approached the Soviet authorities in order to sell out to them. The only possible link between the Horten brothers and the Soviet authorities is the fact that a complete set of plans and designs were hidden at the Gothaer Waggon Fabrik and the knowledge of this is known by Dr. Berthold and a number of other engineers. It is possible and likely that either Berthold or any of the others having knowledge of the Horten IX would have sold out to the Soviet authorities for one of a number of reasons. However, this will be checked upon in the future, and it is hoped that contact with the Gothaer Waggon Fabrik can be established.

5. As far as the "flying saucer" is concerned, a number of people were contacted in order to verify whether or not any such design at any time was contemplated or existed in the files of any German air research institute. The people contacted included the following:

Walter Horten

Fraulein von der Groeben, former Secretary to Air Force General Udet

Guenter Heinrich, former office for research of the High Command of the Air Force in Berlin

Professor Betz, former chief of Aerodynamic Institute in Goettingen

Eugen, former test pilot

All the above mentioned people contacted independently and at different times are very insistent on the fact that to their knowledge and belief no such design ever existed nor was projected by any of the German air research institutions. While they agree that such a design would be highly practical and desirable, they do not know anything about its possible realization now or in the past.

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Note: this report says that it will be known in time if the conceptions hidden at Gothaer Waggonfabrik will be used or not by the Soviets. Later it was learned, during the Korea war in 1952 what type of advanced aircraft exactly the Soviets did built, an extraordinary aircraft that caused concerns for USAF's pilots:

The MiG 15.

A MiG 15 was recovered and reverse-engineered at the Foreign Technology Division at Wright Patterson AFB in the US. This project was directed by a brilliant young Captain whose organizational and efficiency qualities were much appreciated on this occasion. This young Captain never ever talked about this secret project. His name was Edward J. Ruppelt.

The Soviets never used the Hortens flying wings concepts.

The Horten brothers after the war:

After World War II Germany was prohibited from developing aircraft. So in 1948, Reimar Horten emigrated to Argentina where he continued to design flying wings, including the two-seater PUL 10. It was not to be a success, as he narrates in his biography:

Working conditions in Argentina were even more difficult than in Germany during the war. Spruce and thin birch plywood were not available; inferior local materials had to be used. Glue was the largest problem. The General in charge of the Institute had ordered that the glue be prepared in the chemistry department. By the time it reached us, it had started to harden, and was mostly spoiled. Several aircraft were lost due to glue-failures.

The destiny of a new prototype was also peculiar: No sooner had it flown before the Public Relations Department had it sent off to some remote village, where it would be on display in a park until grass started growing from the wings. Afterwards it was ready for the salvage yard. Nine sailplanes were produced under these rather difficult circumstances.

Horten Ho XV:

Ho 15a was a double-seated glider, and 15b a single seated glider.

Two Ho 15b aircraft were built for the World Soaring Championship in Spain in 1952. Time did not permit much testing or training before the aircraft had to be shipped abroad.

Reimar Horten says in his biography:

Our fortune in Spain was not good. One of the sailplanes was destroyed in a landing during the practice days. The other was seriously damaged on the fourth contest day, and unable to continue.

Larger pictures of the Horten XV here.

Above: Horten Ho 15a.

Above: Horten Ho 15c.

In the 1950, Reimar Horten was asked to build a cargo glider to transport oranges to Buenos Aires. In 1960, ten years after its conception, the I Ae 38 finally flew. It was demonstrated to a group of dignitaries on its first flight by test pilot Captain Ballado. Alas, ...

Afterwards, the aircraft was simply scrapped, and my employment with the Institute terminated.

His brother Walter stayed in Germany; he was able to develop a Ho 33 two-seater glider in 1951. A first version was scrapped, a second flew, but the commercial prospects for the aircraft were not good, as it was much too large and cumbersome for a two place ship. Plans to mass produce it were abandoned.

Reimar Horten died in 1994. Walter Horten was living in the city of Baden-Baden and died there on December 9, 1998.

Horten Ho XVI:

Nicknamed "Colibri", it was designed a small tailless sailplane for the Buenos Aires club "Condor" in 1950. The first one crashed on landing, and no further model was built.

Larger pictures of the Horten XVI here.

Above: Horten Ho 16.

Above: Horten Ho 16, in flight in Argentina.

Credits:

Photo Credits: Parts of the photos are from the book, "Nurflügel", by Peter F. Selinger and Dr. Reimar Horten.

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Several Horten models can be seen at the Deutsches Technikmuseum (DTM) in Berlin, Germany. Four models (Ho IIL, Ho IIIIf, Ho IIIh, Ho VI-V2 ) are preserved at The National Air and Space Museum ("The Smithsonian") in the US. A Ho IV is at the Planes of Fame Museum in Chino, California. The single Horten 33 belongs to the Wasserkuppe Museum.

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Unusual aircraft and ufology:

Younger amateurs of flying saucers are thrilled with all sorts of unsupported tall stories about UFOs actually being very secret flying saucers built by the Germans at the time of World War II. «Hannebu», »Vril» and other «V-7» never existed, and the wooden flying-wing type sailplanes of the Hortens brothers are not the cause of the flying saucers seen in 1947 by Kenneth Arnold, nor of any other flying saucer.

But here is a part of the aeronautical history that the German saucers aficionados generally do not know. No, this also not the explanation of reported UFOs. But it is indeed a German military engineer who is at the origin of some sort of strange... French flying saucer!

SNECMA's Coléoptère - Part I, little known debuts:  
Tsielkowski, the Rocket Club, primary origins of aerospace  
At the beginning of the 20th century, a fascinating Russian autodidact, Konstantin Tsielkowski established not only that humanity will have sooner or later to spring towards the stars to meet other intelligent civilizations that must be out there, but also, he established a wealth of concepts, techniques, and proposed all kinds of solutions for the inhabited space flight on board rockets that would exist thereafter.

Tsielkowski had a fundamental influence on two men initially. One was the American Robert Goddard, who would try with a mitigated success to produce small experimental rockets, testing them almost alone and in a secret before World War II in the desert of New Mexico, United States, right in the North of... Roswell.

The other was a German scientist, Hermann Oberth (1894-1989), who in 1923 wrote a seminal book, «Die Rakete zu den Planetenräumen» (rockets towards the planets) which would get avid readership and resulted indeed in the construction of rockets. The book predicted practically all the current astronautics: rockets, satellites, the trip to the Moon, space stations, space probes towards other planets.

Above: Oberth's book.

Above: The call by the Rocket Club in 1927.

An association of amateurs and scientists, among those Oberth, obviously, a «Club of the Rockets», was then quickly established, and they built small rockets and made all kinds of theoretical calculations but also of tests. The Club reached a membership of more than 500 people.

In 1928, Oberth even helps the famous movie director Fritz Lang to give a realistic touch to the first movie about a rocket trip to the moon in history, «Frau im Mond» (a woman on the Moon). The rocket, in the movie, is named «Friede», Peace... The movie inaugurates the tradition of the «countdown», and



the liquid propellant three stages rocket model built by Oberth for the movie was so much carefully designed that the Nazis would confiscate it as soon as they started to plan to use rockets as weapons of destruction!

Above: The rocket in the movie  
«Frau im Mond.»

Among the Rockets Club member was Werner von Braun (1912-1977), the father of the V-2, who would be engaged by the American after the war within the framework of project «Paperclip» which made sure that the top German researchers and spies would join the USA rather than the Soviet world. Von Braun pursued on their premises his initial dream inspired by Oberth: not to build weapons of destruction, but space rockets to bring man on other planets. Everyone knows that this ultimately resulted in the landings of man on the Moon. It is interesting to note that Oberth publicly stated many times his opinion that the flying saucers are real and extraterrestrial, and von Braun as well of others working on advanced projects were not unaware of this opinion.

A French «Paperclip» project:

Another member of the Rockets Club was an Austrian engineer of the name of Helmut Graf von Zborowski. During World War II, he, as these other talents, was assigned to the creation of «last chance» weapons for Germany. In 1944, he was at the BMW with the factory of Allach, chief of a rocketry study group with the rank of Lieutenant of the SS. He worked on the Walter rocket engine the of Messerschmitt Me-163 «Komet». In a separate part of the installations, he made research on new air weapons, as he did not concentrate solely on rockets. The BMW new weapons workshop was moved to Zühlendorf then to Bruckmühl close to Rosenheim in 1945. After the war, he was captured by the French instead of the Americans, and was confined in secrecy in a castle close to Paris so that he would pass on to France his knowledge and would continue his research. Technically valued but politically embarrassing, he would be brought back to Bonn in Germany later when his knowledge was entirely handed over.

Around Zborowski, arrived with his valued knowledge on the engines and his interest for exotic propulsions, ramjet, rocket, and an idea quite as exotic, that of the annular wing, the French very discreetly set up the BTZ, in the Castle of Brunoy right in the South of Paris.

BTZ.

Zborowski.

The annular wing and the BTZ:

Official history thus reports that the Technical Office Zborovski, or «Bureau Technique Zborovski», was opened in France by an Austrian, Helmut Graf von Zborowski, in 1950, to study the concept of vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) planes, and the annular wing.

In addition to the obvious advantages of vertical takeoff, the awaited benefit were an important reduction of the weight of the plane, an aerodynamic effectiveness at high speed, and because of high speeds and weak weight in comparison with the push, a long operating range.

Also in consideration were the tactical advantages of such a machine. It could take off from anywhere, and it was well known that in the event of war the traditional airfield strips would very quickly be destroyed. It could be transported by truck using normal roads. Going up vertically, it would have a very interesting climbing speed for interceptions missions of enemy bombers above the country.

An annular wing does not really have any appreciable quality at low speed. But after all, if the takeoff is vertical with the push of the propulsion system alone, without at all counting on wings lift at the time of takeoff, this shortcoming of the annular wing disappears and there remains only its qualities at high speed. Of course, it creates many issues, in particular that of the

transition between vertical takeoff and level flight, but BTZ intended to try to solve these problems.

In afterthought, there was also the idea that the tube which forms the annular wing could be the very structure for what the modern aeronauticians calls a ramjet and that we call in France «statoréacteur», i.e. jet with no moving parts. A ramjet is nothing more than an empty tube, in air enters, in which fuel is vaporized and exploded, which provides a push as in the traditional jet engines. The advantage is simplicity and effectiveness at high speed, without all the fast rotating parts used in a traditional jet engine to compress the air. The drawback is that the ramjet cannot take off all alone: it functions only when sufficient speed is already reached so that air enters with no help and in sufficient quantity in the ramjet. At the BTZ, it was thought that if an annular winged plane with propellers or traditional engine was realizable, benefiting from the tube which constitutes the annular wing to make use of it as ramjet would be a logical continuation, and would lead to an aeronautical dream: planes capable of strong bursts of speed while being also capable of vertical takeoff and hovering.

Other solutions would be tested with relative success in France by Leduc: to provide its initial speed to the ramjet plane by launching it from a carrier aircraft, or to equip it in addition with a traditional jet engine or rocket for takeoff. But that's another story.

The BTZ studied the concept of the annular wing at the same time with a view to produce manned planes and to produce planes without pilot, which at the time weren't yet called drones.

Here are blueprints of some of the craft being studied at the BTZ:

From left to right above:

«Charançon» missile

«Roitelet» missile in its with ducted fan version

«Roitelet» missile in its rocket version

L'«Avion courrier», the mail plane, a guided missile to deliver mail

A long range missile

Around the annular wing concept, all the uses would be approached with the BTZ, from the interceptor to the private plane.

It is important to note that all the craft presented here existed only on paper or as non-flying models. None flew, none was mistaken as UFO. Only one of these concepts would briefly fly, and this will be told later on in part II.

The first controlled model studied was called baptized «Hanneton IS» (Cockchafer, below). It was a single-seater, with two turbines having each one two contrarotating coaxial fans.

Hanneton IS was followed of the Hanneton II concept: this time, there are three seats, two Turboméca turbines having each one two contrarotating coaxial fans, one has two blades and the other three blades. It was estimated that it could reach 280 miles per hour and have a range of 620 miles. The machine was to be 19 feet length on a diameter of 20 feet.

There will be then a new version Hanneton III: There are always three places, the two turbines are of Turboméca Marcadau II having each one two contrarotating coaxial propellers, of three blades each one. It is estimated that it will reach the 650 miles per hour and will have a range of 1200 kilometers. The machine is 7 meters long for a diameter of 3 meters.

This time, BTZ goes beyond the drawing and builds a wood model (Right).

Enthusiasm and ambition being, it is a version IIIA of the Hanneton appears.

There are now six rocking seats, the two turbines are Turboméca Artouste III, it has two contrarotating coaxial fans of three blades each. It is estimated that it should reach 600 kilometers per hour and will have an amazing autonomy of 2400 kilometers. Its length is 5 meters and the diameter 4 meters 20.

Again the BTZ goes beyond the drawing and builds a scaled down model out of wood.

Incredible as it may seem there was a Hanneton 7C seven seater with two turbines Turboméca Turmo III, then a Hanneton IV 12 seater with a double Mamba turbojet (Right).

And finally, disproportion seems reached with Hanneton 20C and its 20 seats in two cabins on both sides of the annular wing!

Since BTZ engineers thought of placing two cabins around one annular wing, very expectedly, they also considered two annular wings around one cabin.

That would be the Lucane concept:

Lucane would be one line followed by the Americans later, with a whole series of prototypes with tilting wing, Bell Model 65, Bell XV-3, Curtiss X-19, Ryan XC-14A, Bell X-22, and finally the V-22 Osprey which was the best result: the whole wing tilts between the horizontal and the vertical directing the annular wings that are more ducted fans than wings - or traditional fans or rotors. The takeoff is nearly vertical, but in flight the bridge between the annular wings or the rotors ensures an appreciable lift.

Scarabée (Beetle) follows. This time, it is a reconnaissance and ground attack two-seater, equipped with 4 Turboméca Turmo IV operating two contrarotating coaxial propellers of two blades each:

The craft was to weigh 7 tons and be able to carry a half-ton of weaponry at a speed of 600 km/h for 6 hours missions.

Lastly, a slightly supersonic ground attack and interceptor craft with annular wing is studied. The single-seat Bruche (another beetle), is propelled by ramjet in cruising but is equipped in addition with an Atar 101 jet which would ensure that it reaches 900 miles per hour with afterburner. It was to measure 27 feet in length and 9 feet in diameter.

The annular wing concept and all those potential use are then licensed to SNECMA in 1951.

And then, prototyping started.

It is important to note that the craft was not secret. For example, Le Courrier de Saône-et-Loire, France, page 7, on October 19, 1954., reported:

Scan.

A "flying pipe" under study in France

DUISBURG. -- A new type of aircraft, the "flying pipe" or "coleopter", is under development, revealed Mr. Von Zborowski, an engineer currently conducting research in France, at the international congress of air navigation. This craft will have the advantages of a helicopter while also being able of reaching high speeds. The "flying pipe," as its name suggests, has no wings. It consists of a fuselage containing the cockpit and propulsion system. According to Mr. Von Zborowski, the "flying pipe" will be able to take off and land vertically, and its speed will exceed 2,500 kilometers per hour.

To be continued...

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Aircraft - UFOs:

Are UFOs aircraft of our own planet that are misinterpreted and confused for extraterrestrial spaceships? It has been 50 years that some have thought so, other thought that it is not so, while serious UFO researchers know that the answer resides somewhere "sometimes" and "often" but is not at all "always." It seems possible to me, with a little bit of homework, to examine each candidate plane individually and to assess if that plane is suitable or not as an explanation of the entire UFO enigma or of some UFO reports or of no UFO reports. Here is one of these case-by-case examinations.

Boeing "Bird of Prey":

Facts about that airplane:

The Boeing news release in October 2002 states:

Boeing unveiled the Bird of Prey in a ceremony Friday, Oct. 18 in St. Louis. The Bird of Prey is a technology demonstrator that pioneered breakthrough low-observable technologies and revolutionized aircraft design, development and production.

Developed by the Boeing Phantom Works advanced research-and-development organization, the Bird of Prey was among the first to initiate the use of large,

single-piece composite structures; low-cost, disposable tooling; and 3-D virtual reality design and assembly processes to ensure the aircraft was affordable as well as high-performing.

(Source: [www.boeing.com](http://www.boeing.com))

This project has been entirely financed by Boeing on its own funds, to a total cost of \$67 million. It is only a technology demonstrator, the aircraft will not be used in a productive way, it will not be built large number. It is used to test new technologies, which, if they are efficient, will be used thereafter on other new aircraft. In the case of Bird of Prey, its construction technology is used for the X-45 UCAV (a pilotless aircraft).

This aircraft's speed is subsonic, its engine is a conventional Pratt & Whitney JT15D-5C turbofan, which propels it at a speed of 260 knots and a maximal altitude of 20,000 feet.

Its wingspan is 23 feet and its length 47 feet, it weighs up to 7,400 pounds.

There were 38 test and demonstration flights of this plane. The first of these flights took place in autumn of 1996.

Images:

Video: Bird of Prey in flight.

Above: Artist's impression © Boeing.

Above: Artist's impression © Boeing.

Above: Artist's impression © Boeing.

Above: Photograph of the plane when revealed in October 2002 © Boeing.

Above: Photograph of the plane on the tarmac in October 2002.

The Bird of Prey as a UFO?

As soon as the aircraft was introduced to the press in October 2002, some stated that UFOs are now explained.

But this is an aircraft that is:

subsonic, flying at the unimpressive speed of 260 knots. Impressive UFO reports include object that flew at a much more extraordinary speed, is not silent. Using a quite conventional turbofan jet engine, he does not adapt to UFO sightings where absolute silence was reported, of where the reported noise was not similar at all to a jet engine's noises, even if the location of the engine on the top of the structure of the Bird of Prey reduces its noise volume, is not a production aircraft. It did only test and demonstration flights under heavy scrutiny in protected test area. Unlike UFOs it did not fly above all countries in the world in full public's view, exists only since 1996. A huge number of UFO reports exist well before 1996, is used to test discrete flight technologies. If these technologies are efficient, if this aircraft is designed to be seen or heard, then it will not spur sighting reports. If the aircraft is not as unnoticeable as hoped, then most observers will easily recognize that it is an aircraft, looks like an aircraft. True, it has unusual inverted V wings, but there are many aircraft that have an even more unusual configuration. If not witnesses, ufologists can discriminate and explain UFO reports that are possibly misinterpreted sightings of aircraft from UFO reports that are of other objects

(saucer shaped etc.),  
is used to test low and even zero radar detection responsiveness technologies. But it is precisely UFO reports that are not only visual reports, but that are also undoubtedly confirmed by radar detection and measurements that are truly puzzling. If this aircraft is undetectable by radar, then it will not increase the number of serious good radar / visual UFO cases, can hover, cannot take off and land vertically. Other aircraft, or balloon, would make better candidates to explain observations with these characteristics, cannot disappear, nor bank or change flight path instantly, neither perform any of the manoeuvres that today's aeronautic physics considers "impossible." It is precisely the observation of such "impossible" behavior that makes a truly puzzling UFO case.

Serious ufologists know since the beginning of the research on the phenomenon that people can confuse aircraft and UFOs. They know that perhaps 80 to 95 percent of UFO reports, particularly those by unqualified witnesses, correspond to a vast collection of commonplace explanations, some including unusual or little known aircraft.

They even know that the majority of the witnesses who observe a strange aerial phenomenon first think, when the sighting begins, that what they see must be some more or less strange and secret aircraft, and that it is only later in the sighting, when the supposed aircraft gets closer, or performs flight manoeuvres that modern physics considers impossible, or when the phenomenon lands, and sometimes when its occupants are seen, that the witness is forced to accept that what he observes is not an aircraft, even innovative.

Even better, there are UFO reports for which it is only much later than the witnesses understood that what they saw could not have been "the rumored new secret aircraft," or "something the Russians built." When the referred to new secret aircraft is actually revealed, sometimes years later, it becomes certain that the new secret aircraft is very below what they had observed.

To claim, each time that a new aircraft is announced, i.e. indeed several times every year for the last 50 years, that the UFO phenomenon has found its explanation, is simply an ignorant claim, ignorant of the data of the UFO problem, and even often ignorant of aeronautics data.

Indeed, the Bird of Prey is not particularly suitable as explanation of those UFO observations that are truly puzzling, unless the witness observed a UFO between 1996 and today, on a flight test area used by Boeing and was not qualified enough or lucid enough to realize that what he sees is a plane.

I have once again noted that as soon as Boeing revealed the Bird of Prey, many amateurs and also media sources uneducated about the UFO phenomenon and normally not involved at all in any UFO research effort have claimed that UFOs are explained. In particular, I have already seen suggestion that this 1996-born aircraft is the cause of the huge UFO flap over Belgium in 1989-1990. As normally these sources of information (aeronautics magazine and web sites, space news web sites, astronomy web sites) do not say anything at all about UFO reports and research, which is absolutely not their subject, I wonder whether a sociological fact is involved here: does the idea that the UFOS can exist distress so many people or groups that "do not believe in flying saucer nonsense," that they feel compelled to go "off topics" in their publications so as to reassure themselves about the inexistence of the UFOS? Do they do that to promote themselves as "the serious people" as opposed to the "ET/UFO believers?"

See also:

UFO reports that can be referred to evaluate if they are caused by planes can be found here.

A UFO report where the witnesses thought they saw a plane is given as example here.

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Unusual aircraft and ufology:

Are UFOs extraordinary secret aircraft from our own planet that are misinterpreted and confused for extraterrestrial spaceships? It has been 60 years now that some have claimed so, while serious UFO researchers know that a very ordinary airliner suffice to create a UFO confusion. And after 60 years, absolutely none of the so-called secret earthly aircraft has ever revealed anything out of the normal improvement of aviation technology. It seems possible to me, with a little bit of homework, to examine each candidate plane individually and to assess if that plane is suitable or not as an explanation of the entire UFO enigma or of some UFO sighting reports or of no UFO sighting reports. Here is one of these case by case examinations.

X-47A "Pegasus:"

X-47A, nicknamed "Pegasus" is constructed by Northrop-Grumman on their own funding, with the support of the US Defence's DARPA (Defence Advanced Research Project Agency) and US Navy. Its most unusual characteristic is that of being an unmanned combat aircraft (UCAV) which is clearly meant for attack purpose, that is, destroying the enemy's air defense, not just for reconnaissance purpose.

It is tailless and kite-shaped. The lack of tail and rudders explains quite well: there is no pilot, its pitch roll and yaw is entirely controlled by its informatics using flexible parts of its entire flight envelope: maneuvers via six control surfaces: two elevons and four inlays, inspired by Northrop's flying wings of the fifties, two above and two below the fuselage, and a two-dimensional nozzle.

X-47a

Does Pegasus explain UFOs?

X-47 explains zero UFO reports before February 2003.

On February 26, 2001, Northrop Grumman Corporation's Integrated Systems Sector presented a full-scale model of the X-47A demonstrator. The model had undergone 500 hours of wind tunnel testing and 300 hours of computer simulations.

Its first flight was on February 23, 2003, at the Naval Air Warfare, China Lake, California, USA. It was a successful 12 minutes flight which consisted essentially of a simulated aircraft carrier landing. The aircraft was supposed to land at a precise predetermined touchdown point, and this test was successful.

This first flight was widely announced by Northrop-Grumman, as were the previous

tests of autonomous engine start and stop. Although the aircraft technical achievements details are certainly not public domain, its existence is nothing of a secret. Drawing of its shape circulated already two years before its first flight. A mockup model is on public display at the Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland.

You may read all sorts of more or less nonsensical claims about this aircraft: that it is using antigravity, or magnetohydrodynamics, and probably some will claim that it is inspired by "alien technology." Although it seems impossible to prove that it is all nonsense, such speculations are empty: the aircraft is entirely in the range of today's aeronautics, and it shows no sign of any unusual propulsion.

#### Characteristics:

Designation: Northrop-Grumman X-47A "Pegasus"

First flight: February 23, 2003.

Length: 29.7 feet.

Wingspan: 27.8 feet.

Engine: Pratt & Whitney JT15D-5C turbofan.

Thrust: 3.200 lbs.

Role: Surveillance, strike and suppression of enemy air defences.

Speed: ?

Range: ?

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Secret aircrafts of the USAF:

Aurora:

Background:

Does the United States Air Force or one of America's intelligence agencies have a secret hypersonic aircraft capable of a Mach 6 performance? Continually growing evidence suggests that the answer to this question is yes. Perhaps the most well-known event which provides evidence of such a craft's existence is the sighting of a triangular plane over the North Sea in August 1989 by oil-



exploration engineer Chris Gibson. As well as the famous "skyquakes" heard over Los Angeles since the early 1990s, found to be heading for the secret Groom Lake installation in the Nevada desert, numerous other facts provide an understanding of how the aircraft's technology works. Rumored to exist but routinely denied by U.S. officials, the name of this aircraft is Aurora.

#### Aurora (Artist's view)

The outside world uses the name Aurora because a censor's slip let it appear below the SR-71 Blackbird and U-2 in the 1985 Pentagon budget request. Even if this was the actual name of the project, it would have by now been changed after being compromised in such a manner.

The plane's real name has been kept a secret along with its existence. This is not unfamiliar though, the F-117a stealth fighter was kept a secret for over ten years after its first pre-production test flight. The project is what is technically known as a Special Access Program (SAP). More often, such projects are referred to as "black programs".

So what was the first sign of the existence of such an aircraft? On 6 March 1990, one of the United States Air Force's Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird spyplanes shattered the official air speed record from Los Angeles to Washington's Dulles Airport. There, a brief ceremony marked the end of the SR-71's operational career. Officially, the SR-71 was being retired to save the \$200-\$300 million a year it cost to operate the fleet. Some reporters were told the plane had been made redundant by sophisticated spy satellites.

But there was one problem, the USAF made no opposition towards the plane's retirement, and congressional attempts to revive the program were discouraged. Never in the history of the USAF had a program been closed without opposition. Aurora is the missing factor to the silent closure of the SR-71 program.

Testing such a new radical aircraft brings immense costs and inconvenience, not just in the design and development of a prototype aircraft, but also in providing a secret testing place for aircraft that are obviously different from those the public are aware of.

Groom Dry Lake, in the Nevada desert, is home to one of America's elite secret proving grounds. Here is Aurora's most likely test location. Comparing today's Groom Lake with images of the base in the 1970s, it is apparent that many of the larger buildings and hangars were added during the following decade. Also, the Groom Lake test facility has a lake-bed runway that is six miles long, twice as long as the longest normal runways in the United States. The reason for such a long runway is simple: the length of a runway is determined either by the distance an aircraft requires to accelerate to flying speed, or the distance that the aircraft needs to decelerate after landing. That distance is proportional to the speed at which lift-off takes place. Usually, very long runways are designed for aircraft with very high minimum flying speeds, and, as is the case at Edwards AFB, these are aircraft that are optimized for very high maximum speeds. Almost 19,000 feet of the runway at Groom Lake is paved for normal operations.

Lockheed's Skunk Works, now the Lockheed Advanced Development Company, is the most likely prime contractor for the Aurora aircraft. Throughout the 1980s, financial analysts concluded that Lockheed had been engaged in several large classified projects. However, they weren't able to identify enough of them to account for the company's income.

Technically, the Skunk Works has a unique record of managing large, high-risk programs under an incredible unparalleled secrecy. Even with high-risk projects the company has undertaken, Lockheed has a record of providing what it promises to deliver.

#### Hypersonic speed:

By 1945, only a small amount of jets had the capability of reaching speeds of

500mph. In 1960, aircraft that could exceed 1,500mph were going into squadron service. Aircraft capable of 2,000mph were under development and supposed to enter service by 1965. This was a four-fold increase in speed in two decades.

From this, the next logical step was to achieve hypersonic speed. The definition of hypersonic isn't as clearly defined as supersonic, but aerodynamicists consider that the hypersonic realm starts when the air in front of the vehicle's leading edges "stagnates": a band of air is trapped, unable to flow around the vehicle, and reaches extremely high pressures and temperatures. The edge of the hypersonic regime lies at a speed of roughly one mile per second - 3,600mph or Mach 5.4.

What is regarded by many as the most successful experimental aircraft program in USAF history, the X-15 rocketplane was created in response to a requirement issued by NASA (then NACA) for an air-launched manned research vehicle with a maximum speed of more than Mach 6 and a maximum altitude of more than fifty miles.

The X-15 program, which involved three test aircraft, went on to exceed all goals set and provided valuable data which has been used on many high speed/altitude aircraft of today, including NASA spacecraft, and most likely, the Aurora aircraft.

In the early 1960s, Lockheed and the USAF Flight Dynamics Laboratory began a hypersonic research program which would provide data on travel at hypersonic speed as well as more efficient shapes for hypersonic vehicles. From this program came the FDL-5 research vehicle, which bore an amazing resemblance to the North Sea Aurora sighting of Chris Gibson. Building on both the FDL-5 Project and Aurora, the aircraft which may have been seen over the North Sea could have been Northrop's A-17 stealth attack plane.

Possible forms of hypersonic propulsion that Aurora could be using include:

Pulse Detonation Wave Engines.

Pulsejet Engines.

Advanced Ramjets.

Hypersonic speed requirements:

There are three reasons why the North Sea sketch drawn by Chris Gibson is the most persuasive rendition of the Aurora vehicle. Firstly, the observer's qualifications, with which he couldn't identify the aircraft; which would have been instantaneous if the aircraft was known to the "white world". Second is the fact that the North Sea aircraft corresponds almost perfectly in shape and size to hypersonic aircraft studies carried out by McDonnell Douglas and the USAF during the 1970s and 1980s. The third factor is that the North Sea aircraft looks unlike anything else. No aircraft other than a high-supersonic vehicle, or a test aircraft for such a vehicle, has ever been built or studied with a similar planform.

At hypersonic speeds, traditional aerodynamic design gives way to aerothermodynamic design. In order for a hypersonic vehicle to remain structurally intact at such high speeds and stresses, the vehicle must produce minimum drag and be free of design features that give rise to concentrations of heat. The aircraft design must be able to spread the heat over the surface of the structure.

Thermal management is critical to high-speed aircraft, especially hypersonic vehicles. Skin friction releases heat energy into the aircraft and must be pumped out again if the vehicle is to have any endurance. The only way to do this is to heat the fuel before it enters the engine, and dump the heat through the exhaust. On a hypersonic vehicle, thermal management is very critical, the cooling capacity of the fuel must be used carefully and efficiently or else the range and endurance of the aircraft will be limited by heating rather than the actual fuel tank capacity.

Hypersonic vehicle undergoing thermal imaging tests

So how will an aircraft reach such speeds? Conventional turbojet engines won't be able to handle the incoming airstreams at such speeds, they can barely handle transonic speeds. In the case of hypersonic propulsion, an aero-thermodynamic duct, or ramjet, is the only engine proven to work efficiently at such speeds. Even ramjets have drawbacks though, such as drag created in the process of slowing down and compressing a Mach 6 airstream.

To make a ramjet engine efficient is to spread the air over the entire length of the body. In a hypersonic ramjet aircraft, the entire underside of the forward body acts as a ramp that compresses the air, and the entire underside of the tail is an exhaust nozzle. So much air underneath the aircraft serves another purpose, it keeps the plane up.

The ramjets need a large inlet area to provide the high thrust needed for Mach 6 cruise. As a result, the engines occupy a large area beneath vehicle and the need to accommodate a large quantity of fuel means that an all-body shape is most feasible.

Engines occupy majority of underside

Structurally, the all-body shape is highly efficient. As well as being extremely aerodynamic, the average cross-sectional area being very large provides a great deal of space for load, equipment and fuel. This being inside a structure that is light and compact having a relatively small surface area to generate frictional drag.

The spyplane's airframe may incorporate stealth technology, but it doesn't really require it should its mission simply involve high altitude reconnaissance. Hypersonic aircraft are much harder to shoot down than a ballistic missile. Although a hypersonic plane isn't very maneuverable, its velocity is such that even a small turn puts it miles away from a SAM's projected interception point.

Cross-section of Aurora

Choosing the right fuel:

Choosing the right type of fuel is crucial to the success of Aurora. Because various sections of the craft will reach cruising-speed temperatures ranging from 1,000 degrees fahrenheit to more than 1,400 degrees fahrenheit, its fuel must both provide energy for the engines and act as a structural coolant extracting destructive heat from the plane's surface.

At hypersonic speeds, even exotic kerosene such as the special high-flashpoint JP-7 fuel used by the SR-71 Blackbird can't absorb enough heat. The plausible solution is cryogenic fuel.

The best possibilities are methane and hydrogen. Liquid hydrogen provides more than three times as much energy and absorbs six times more heat per pound than any other fuel. The downfall is its low density, which means larger fuel tanks, a larger airframe and more drag. While liquid hydrogen is the fuel of choice for spacelaunch vehicles that accelerate quickly out of the atmosphere, studies have shown that liquid methane is better for an aircraft cruising at Mach 5 to Mach 7. Methane is widely available, provides more energy than jet fuels, and can absorb five times as much heat as kerosene. Compared with liquid hydrogen, it is three times denser and easier to handle.

Current knowledge of Aurora:

On 16 November 1998, a camcorder video was taken of a mysterious "fireball" in the sky. While this was very interesting, what was even more amazing was the aircraft which was seen shortly after flying at very high speed producing the mysterious "donuts-on-a-rope" contrails. Does this video, which is currently undergoing intense study at JPL, show the mysterious Aurora spyplane?

Alleged Aurora video:

A newspaper article about this event was also written in the The Sun Herald

newspaper.

The following message was sent by e-mail from the person who recorded it.

From: RINGDINGGG@aol.com  
Date: Fri, 25 Dec 1998 06:53:30 EST  
To: c0d@bigfoot.com  
Subject: FIREBALL/Meteor Shower ? Missile object Video 11/16/98 Florida  
I shot this video during the meteor showers over the Gulf of Mexico from my home in Port Charlotte, FL.  
I think is very interesting and It has found its way to National TV News Magazine EXTRA which aired the video FIREBALL story on 12/23/98 It is being analyzed frame by frame at the JPL. One thing they will find for sure is that this video is real; but what the objects are I cant say.  
Hope you enjoy the footage and Merry Christmas from Jim DeVoy  
(Webauthor note: Video not online anymore)

See also this Press article.

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The A17 USAF secret aircraft:  
Part 1 - What was said in 2001:

Generally regarded as a fourth generation low-observable design, the A-17 is believed to have evolved from the YF-23 Advanced Tactical Fighter, and to be the successor of the F-111 Fighter Bomber. The plane's existence is alleged, not established.

Shaped with complex curves and compound curvature, the A-17 is contoured to minimize radar and aerothermal signatures as it carries out its mission of electronic warfare and deep reconnaissance. The engine exhaust geometry is reminiscent of the B-2, where the aft section of the engine nacelle slopes down to meet the aft trailing edge of the tail. The engine exhaust is buried deep within the trough, effectively masking the infra-red signature from observation from below. The two large vertical tail surfaces, serve to mask the exhaust from the sides.

No positively-identifiable pictures of the plane exist; only sightings of the alleged plane have been reported at RAF Bascombe in the UK, and Cannon AFB, New Mexico, USA.

Two events are supposed to be indicative of the A-17's existence.

A-17 Stealth X-Plane, Artist's view.  
A-17 Stealth X-Plane, artist's view.

In September 1994, an unusual aircraft was seen over Amarillo, Texas meeting the description of the A-17. The plane was dumping fuel, preparing for an emergency landing. On a scanner, the pilot, using the callsign "Omega", was heard reporting a malfunction. At the time, two F-111s were acting as chase planes. A man named Steve Douglass captured two unusual flying triangles on video. He believes they could be A-17s, but admits they could also be F-117s, Tornados, or F-14s.

Two flying triangles

Photo of flying triangles taken by Steve Douglass.

Part 2 - What surfaced as of 2012:

All the above is my page on the A-17 such as it was discussed in 2001. Remember that I then wrote: "The plane's existence is alleged, not established."

In 2012, 11 years later, the plane should be better known, even clearly known, publicly revealed, seen in action.

But it is not: absolutely nothing surfaced in 11 years! No documentation by the US Air Force, no new images, official or private, nothing.

So what should we think about it?

It seems to me that the most reasonable explanation would be that A17 never really existed. At best, it could have been a project, since abandoned.

It should be noted that YF-23, which supposedly was a precursor of A17 does exist:

Other "secret planes":

Horten flying wings.

Coleoptere.

Boeing Bird of Prey.

X-47A Pegasus.

Couzinet French flying saucer.

AURORA.

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Secret aircraft of the US Air Force:

Bob Lazar, a self-proclaimed former engineer at Area 51 claims that the US Air Force keeps a captured flying saucer at S4 in Area 51.

Note: publishing this information does not imply that I believe it.

The S-4 Flying Disc, aka 3Sports Model":

Operational specifications:

A view of the craft inside S-4.

The boldest recent "captured flying saucer" claim is perhaps the so-called "Sports Model" which physicist Bob Lazar allegedly came into contact with while working at the "S-4" or "Site-4" facility at Area 51.

According to Lazar, the dimensions of the "Sports Model" are 16 feet tall and 52 feet, nine inches in diameter. The exterior skin of the disc is metal and coloring similar to unpolished stainless steel. The craft sits on its belly when its not energized. The entry hatch is located on the upper half of the disc, with just the bottom portion of the door wrapping around the center lip of the disc.

Lazar says the disc is one of nine, given to the American government in an "exchange" program in the early 1970's. The makers of the craft and providers of the fuel, Element 115, were from the Zeta Reticuli star system. What we exchanged for the technology is not known. A back engineering program began in 1979 of the remaining hardware and technology.

#### The Sports Model

Inside of the disc:

Lazar says the interior of the disc is divided into three levels. The lower level is where the three gravity amplifiers and their wave guides are located. These are the integral components of the propulsion system that are used to amplify and focus the "gravity A" wave.

The Reactor is located directly above the three gravity amplifiers on the center level and is in fact centered between them. The reactor is a closed system which uses the Element 115 as its fuel. The element is also the source of the "gravity A" wave which is amplified for space/time distortion and travel.

The center level of the disc also houses the control consoles and seats, both of which were too small and too low to the floor to be functional for adult human beings. The walls of the center level are all divided into archways. At one point in time, when the disc was energized, one of the archways became transparent and you could see the area outside of it just as if the archway was a window.

When Lazar was shown the disc, something incredible happened, of which current technology could not produce. A form of writing, which was unlike any alphabetic, scientific, or mathematical symbols Lazar had ever seen, began to appear on the one side of the transparent archway. Lazar was never given access to the upper level of the disc so what the porthole-like areas are can't be illustrated, but they're definitely not portholes.

The reactor:

The following is the description of the saucer's propulsion system by Bob Lazar.

The power source is a reactor which uses Element 115 as its fuel. In this reactor element 115 is used as a target and is bombarded with protons in a small, highly sophisticated particle accelerator. When a proton fuses into the nucleus of an atom of Element 115, it is transmuted and becomes an atom of Element 116. Although we too can transmute elements here on earth, it is typically not done in this fashion, or at anywhere near this level of efficiency. As soon as each atom of 115 is transmuted into 116, it immediately decays and produces a radiation unlike that which we normally observe in nuclear decay. Each atom of Element 116 decays and releases two antiprotons (anti-hydrogen), a form of antimatter. Antimatter can be produced in particle accelerators here on earth, but only in minute quantities and only stored for short periods of time.

The flux of antimatter particles produced in the reactor are channelled down an evacuated, tuned tube (which keeps it from contacting with the matter that surrounds it) and reacted with a gaseous matter target. This Total Annihilation reaction is the most efficient and energetic nuclear reaction there is. The more familiar nuclear reactions are Fission, producing energy from the splitting of atoms as used in nuclear reactors & atomic bombs, and Fusion, the fusing or combining of atoms (typically hydrogen nuclei) to release even more energy. Fusion is the reaction that powers the sun and other stars and is what gives hydrogen bombs their "punch". These two more common nuclear reactions are dwarfed by the power and efficiency of the annihilation reaction used in the alien reactor.

The reaction between the gaseous matter target and the antimatter particles produces a continuous release of tremendous amounts of heat. This heat is converted directly into electricity by the use of a "thermeonic generator." The

thermionic generator used in this reactor is so efficient, that there is no detectable waste heat produced. This is an apparent violation of one of the basic laws of thermodynamics. Similar, but not nearly as efficient or powerful, thermionic generators are used as power sources in our satellites and space probes.

As amazing and efficient as all this seems, it is only secondary to the primary function of the reactor. The antiparticle flux emitted from the transmuting Element 115 is not the only energy radiated during operation. This is the point at which the gravity A wave is first produced. The gravity wave emitted by the 115 reaction appears on the hemisphere of the reactor, propagating up the tuned waveguide in a fashion very similar to the way microwaves behave.

All of the actions and reactions inside the reactor are orchestrated perfectly like a tiny little ballet, and in this manner, the reactor provides an enormous amount of power used to amplify the gravity A wave so it can cause the requisite space/time distortion for space travel.

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Secret aircraft of the USA:

This aircraft, called "LoFlyte", was experimental, and because it was an attempt to build an hypersonic jet, it was used by some "skeptics" to dismiss various UFO reports, even over countries outside the USA such as Belgium, where triangular-shaped UFOs sightings were reported. But, as you will see, there is a little problem about the LoFlyte that makes it impossible to use it as "the explanation" for such UFO reports.

The "LoFlyte" hypersonic airplane:  
The LoFlyte  
Artist's view, false black color.

The incredible LoFlyte hypersonic aircraft looks like a good candidate to explain some of the triangular shaped large UFOs spotted all around the world... So said the French press when an historical UFO flap occurred in Belgium in 1989-93.

The LoFlyte  
The LoFlyte  
The LoFlyte  
But ... there is a whole collection of problems!

Yes indeed, the LoFlyte is a small remote controlled craft, and has nothing to compare with the large dark triangular objects with lights at their corner and in the middle... The LoFlyte cannot hover, it cannot stay stationary, or fly at the speed of a bicycle, it has no lights, and, of course it flew only in the US in few occasions.

The LoFlyte  
After the unveiling, Topher Kersting, Marketing Coordinator for Accurate Automation Corporation, a prime contractor for the joint NASA and US Air Force project, confirmed: "The next version, pending the successful completion of the forthcoming flight test, is intended to be a 23ft (7m) unmanned remotely piloted vehicle capable of hypersonic flight. What is beyond that is anybody's guess."

Kersting also confirmed that the photograph released by Accurate Automation

Corporation was a computer generated Photoshop(TM) composite, created by a colleague and himself. "Just because you see a picture on a cloud background doesn't mean that the plane has flown," he cautioned.

One last thing: the LoFlyte model first flew in 1995!

Other "secret planes":

Horten flying wings.

Coleoptere.

Boeing Bird of Prey.

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Secret aircraft:

The U-2 spy plane provided day or night, high-altitude, all-weather, stand-off surveillance of an area in direct support of U.S. and allied ground and air forces. It provides critical intelligence to decision makers through all phases of the cold war, indications and warnings, crises, low-intensity conflict and large-scale hostilities. Basically, it was a light weight glider with a jet engine.

Lockheed U-2 reconnaissance aircraft:

First prototype

USAF's U-2 fact sheet:

Mission

The U-2 provides continuous day and night, high-altitude, all-weather surveillance and reconnaissance in direct support of U.S. and allied ground and air forces. It provides critical intelligence to decision makers through all phases of conflict, including peacetime indications and warnings, crises, low-intensity conflict and large-scale hostilities.

Features

The U-2S is a single-seat, single-engine, high-altitude, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft. Long, narrow, straight wings give the U-2 glider-like characteristics and allow it to lift heavy sensor payloads to unmatched high altitudes quickly, and keep them there for a long time. The U-2 is capable of collecting multi-sensor photo, electro-optic, infrared and radar imagery, as well as collecting signals intelligence data. It can down link all data, except photo imagery, in near real-time to anywhere in the world, providing war planners with the latest intelligence possible.

The U-2 has one of the highest mission completion rates in the U.S. Air Force despite the fact that the aircraft is the most difficult to fly due to its unusually challenging takeoff and landing characteristics. Due to its high-altitude mission, the pilot must wear a full pressure suit.



The aircraft has a General Electric F-118-101 engine that is fuel efficient and lightweight - negating the need for air refueling on long duration missions. The fleet is undergoing an entire rewire effort to lower its overall electronic noise signature and allow a quieter platform for the newest generation of sensors. The sensors are also in a state of constant upgrades. The cockpit is being redesigned to replace the 1960s vintage round dial gauges with multifunction displays and complete "glass cockpit" technology.

#### Background

Current models are derived from the original version that made its first flight in August 1955. On Oct. 14, 1962, the U-2 photographed the Soviet military installing offensive missiles in Cuba. It provided critical intelligence data during all phases of operations Desert Storm and Allied Force. The U-2 provides daily peacetime indications and warning intelligence collection from its current operating locations around the world.

When requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U-2 has also provided peacetime reconnaissance data in support of disaster relief from floods, earthquakes and forest fires, and has been used as a search and rescue asset on several occasions.

The U-2R, first flown in 1967, was 40 percent larger and more capable than the original aircraft. A tactical reconnaissance version, the TR-1A, first flew in August 1981 and was delivered to the Air Force the next month. Designed for standoff tactical reconnaissance in Europe, the TR-1 was structurally identical to the U-2R. Operational TR-1A's were used by the 17th Reconnaissance Wing, Royal Air Force Station, Alconbury, England, starting in February 1983. The last U-2 and TR-1 aircraft were delivered to the Air Force in October 1989. In 1992 all TR-1s and U-2s were designated U-2Rs. All U-2R models have since completed engine replacement and are designated as a U-2S/TU-2S.

U-2s are based at the 9th Reconnaissance Wing, Beale Air Force Base, Calif., and support national and tactical collection requirements from various operational detachments located worldwide. U-2 crewmembers are trained at Beale using four two-seat model aircraft (designated TU-2S).

#### General Characteristics

Primary Function: High-altitude reconnaissance

Contractor: Lockheed Martin Aeronautics

Power Plant: One General Electric F-118-101 engine

Thrust: 17,000 pounds

Length: 63 feet (19.2 meters)

Height: 16 feet (4.8 meters)

Wingspan: 105 feet (32 meters)

Speed: 475+ miles per hour (Mach 0.58)

Maximum Takeoff Weight: 40,000 pounds (18,000 kilograms)

Range: 7,000 miles (6,090+ nautical miles)

Ceiling: Above 70,000 feet (21,212+ meters)

Crew: One (two in trainer models)

Date Deployed: U-2, August 1955; U-2R, 1967; U-2S, October 1994

Cost: Classified

Inventory: Active force, 37 (4 two-seat trainers and two operated by NASA);

Reserve, 0; ANG, 0

May 2002

#### Source:

USAF's "U-2 fact sheet", Air Combat Command, Public Affairs Office; 115 Thompson St., Suite 211; Langley AFB, VA 23665-1987; DSN 574-5007 or (804) 764-5007.

See also:

[www.cia.gov/csi/studies/winter98-99/art01.html](http://www.cia.gov/csi/studies/winter98-99/art01.html)

CIA recently claimed, against its own archived evidence, that the U-2 spy plane "explains" 50% of the UFO observations in the years following its first flight. It is statistically wrong.

Other secret aircraft supposed to explain UFOs:

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SNECMA's Coléoptère.

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And also...

UFO reports that can be referred to evaluate if they are caused by planes can be found here.

A UFO report where the witnesses thought they saw a plane is given as example here.

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Secret aircrafts of the USAF:

Lockheed F-117 Nighthawk stealth fighter:

The F-117A Nighthawk is the world's first operational aircraft designed to exploit low-observable stealth technology. The unique design of the single-seat F-117A provides exceptional combat capabilities. About the size of an F-15 Eagle, the twin-engine aircraft is powered by two General Electric F404 turbofan engines and has quadruple redundant fly-by-wire flight controls. Air refuelable, it supports worldwide commitments and adds to the deterrent strength of the U.S. military forces.

The F-117A can employ a variety of weapons and is equipped with sophisticated navigation and attack systems integrated into a state-of-the-art digital avionics suite that increases mission effectiveness and reduces pilot workload. Detailed planning for missions into highly defended target areas is accomplished by an automated mission planning system developed, specifically, to take advantage of the unique capabilities of the F-117A.

The first stealth fighters were flown by Lockheed C-5 Galaxy cargo plane to Groom Dry Lake, where they took to the air for the first time in June 1981. Security was of a very extreme nature. Unauthorized ground personnel were required to remain indoors when a stealth jet emerged from its hangar. Test flights were made mostly at night, their schedule arranged to avoid overflights by Soviet reconnaissance satellites. The Nellis Range is also home to the Air Force's "Red Flag" air combat exercises, which involve aircraft and pilots of American and several foreign military aviation services. Those other aircraft were kept away from the Groom area by an airborne screen of security aircraft.

Despite the F-117A's 33 percent increase in physical size over the prototype, the stealth fighter's RCS measured between .01 and .001 square meters - about that of a small bird. For instance, compared to a McDonnell Douglas F-4G Phantom typically used for "Wild Weasel" anti-radar missions, which has a head-on RCS of 6 square meters, the F-117 was able to get 90 percent closer to ground-based search radars, and 98 percent closer to airborne radars, before being detected.

The first F-117A was delivered in 1982. The F-117A production decision was made

in 1978 with a contract awarded to Lockheed Advanced Development Projects, the "Skunk Works," in Burbank, California. The first flight was in 1981, only 31 months after the full-scale development decision. Air Combat Command's only F-117A unit, the 4450th Tactical Group, (now the 49th Fighter Wing, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.), achieved operational capability in October 1983.

Having outgrown the Groom Lake facilities, the stealth unit operates out of the remote Tonopah Test Range airfield in the northwest corner of the Nellis Range. Although overlooked by public land, the Tonopah facility is 40 desert miles from the nearest town.

Streamlined management by Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, combined breakthrough stealth technology with concurrent development and production to rapidly field the aircraft. The F-117A program has demonstrated that a stealth aircraft can be designed for reliability and maintainability. The aircraft maintenance statistics are comparable to other tactical fighters of similar complexity. Logistically supported by Sacramento Air Logistics Center, McClellan AFB, California, the F-117A is kept at the forefront of technology through a planned weapon system improvement program located at USAF Plant 42 at Palmdale, California.

DESCRIPTION:

Manufacturer: Lockheed Aeronautical Systems Co.

Designation: F-117a Nighthawk

Type: Fighter/Bomber

Unit Cost: \$45 million

SPECIFICATIONS:

Length: 65' 11" 20.3 M

Height: 12' 5" 3.8 M

Wingspan: 43' 4" 13.3M

Weight: 52000 lbs 23625 Kg

PROPULSION:

No. of Engines: 2

Powerplant: General Electric F404 engines

PERFORMANCE:

Range: Unlimited with refuelling

Max Speed: High Subsonic

ARMAMENTS:

Internal weapons carriage

It has also been - falsely - claimed that the F-117A contains experimental propulsion technology or even "electro-gravitic" systems. See here for comments.

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Secret aircrafts of the USAF:  
North American X-15 rocketplane:

Late in the year of 1954, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) issued a requirement for an air-launched manned research vehicle with a maximum speed of more than Mach 6 and a maximum altitude of more than fifty miles. North American Aviation Incorporated was awarded the contract for the new research vehicle, the X-15.

On May 11, 1962 NASA pilot Joseph Walker said that one of his tasks was to detect UFOs during his X-15 flights. He had filmed five or six UFOs during his record breaking fifty-mile-high flight in April, 1962. It was the second time he had filmed UFOs in flight. During a lecture at the Second National Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Space Research in Seattle, Washington he said:

"I don't feel like speculating about them. All I know is what appeared on the film which was developed after the flight."

To date none of those films has been released to the public for viewing.

X-15 #2 launches away from the B-52 mothership with its rocket engine ignited  
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Len Stringfield on the X-15 UFO sightings:

#### X-15 UFO Sightings

The second arena I selected for this article relating to UFO basics involves NASA. In 1962, during test flights of the X-15 out of Edwards AFB, there were two known occasions when their flights encountered UFOs. On one, a camera recorded two disks near the X-15 at an altitude of 200,000 feet. The encounters, I believe, are significant in that they suggest a UFO interest, not only in our early experimental aircraft in general, but in our high altitude test flights with an outer space connection in particular. The encounters are also significant because they come from a firsthand, qualified source who had been involved with the X-15 program as a coordinator for the flights, and who also saw the movie in question.

While these encounters made only spotty news at the time and were entered with incorrect details in NICAP records, my source, who visited my home on several occasions, has provided ample backup papers, such as the flight chart of the incident with camera, various memoranda over his signature, and a list of the NASA pilots and other personnel at the base, many of them future astronauts, including Neil Armstrong.

The source of this information is a graduate engineer and pilot with approximately 1,000 flying hours in command. He is presently cleared Secret, Special Access on the B-2 program. At the time of the sightings, he was a test engineer on the X-15 program at Edwards AFB, and in this position had virtually unlimited access to the X-15 aircraft, the flight line, hangars, flight test data, and the X-15 Flight Test Control Room. He was in daily contact with the pilots and ground crews. Following, then, is my source's account of the two X-15 UFO encounters with drawings showing their relative positions.

During a design altitude flight on April 30, 1962, two disk-shaped objects overtook the X-15 at an altitude of approximately 200,000 feet, while at a speed of approximately 3,400 m.p.h., or 5000 fps. The X-15 had been launched from the vicinity of Mud Lake, Nevada, with Joseph A. Walker, NASA, at the controls. At the time of the sighting he was climbing at a pitch angle of approximately 30 degrees.

Walker sighted the two aircraft passing overhead and reported to the NASA FRC Control Room at Edwards, "Two UFOs just passed overhead." (The writer and approximately 20 others were in the Control Room and personally heard Walker's report. No other details were supplied by Walker.) The aft fuselage cameras on

the X-15 captured the UFOs on film which was later viewed by the writer, the ground crew, and key X-15 Program personnel at the post-flight debriefing. (The incident was not discussed in any detail during the debriefing, however.) The film was good quality, and clearly showed two white or silver diskshaped craft flying in tight formation, rapidly overtaking the X-15 from behind and passing overhead, perhaps only 100-200 feet above the X-15. Disposition of the film is unknown.

During a world altitude record flight on July 17, 1962, Major Robert M. White, USAF, reported to NASA FRC Control that "several" UFOs were flying in formation with him and were "like the color of paper." Again, the writer and 20 other Control Room personnel overheard the conversation, although no other details were given at that time. White was in level (zero-G) flight at his peak altitude of 314,000 feet; his speed was approximately 3,800 m.p.h. During debriefing White elaborated that there were 5 or 6 UFOs, and perhaps as many as 8 or 10.

In "Roswell and the X-15", by Leonard Stringfield, in MUFON UFO Journal, #259, pp 3-7, November 1989.

Leonard Stringfield (1920-1994) was an American UFO witness in 1945 and this became a ufologist. who had particular interest in crashed flying saucer stories.

From 1953 to 1957, he organized the "Civilian Research Interplanetary Flying Objects" (CRIFO) ufology organization and published its monthly bulletin, "Orbit". He wrote his first book on UFOs in 1957 and joined NICAP, befriending its Director Major Donald Keyhoe, ret. He joined the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) in 1971, and was the state section director of southwest Ohio. In 1974 he became the PR man for the MUFON and served on its board of directors. He also was a regional investigator for the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS).

Len Stringfield

X-15 history:

Developed under USAF Project MX-1226, three X-15s were built and together made 199 flights during a research program which lasted from 1959 to 1968, exceeding all speed and altitude goals set. The X-15 was designed to fly at speeds of Mach 6 and altitudes up to 250,000 feet. The aircraft went on to reach a maximum speed of Mach 6.7 and a maximum altitude of 354,200 feet. Mach 6 is about one mile per second and flight above 265,000 feet qualifies an Air Force pilot as an astronaut.

The X-15 made its public appearance on 15 October 1958 at North American's Los Angeles facility and the first of the three X-15s arrived at Edwards AFB two days later. On 10 March 1959, with project pilot A. Scott Crossfield at the controls, the X-15 made its first captive-carry flight under the right wing of a B-52 carrier aircraft. On 8 June 1959, it made its first glide flight, reaching a speed of 522mph (Mach 0.79) from a release altitude of 52,341 feet.

During a test flight, the X-15 would be air-launched by NASA's converted B-52 at an altitude of 45,000 feet and a speed of 500 mph. Generally, there were two types of flight profiles: high-speed or high-altitude. High-speed flights were usually conducted below an altitude of 100,000 feet and flown as a conventional airplane using aerodynamic controls. High-altitude flights began with a steep, full-power climb to leave the atmosphere. This was followed by up to two minutes of "coasting up" to peak altitude after the engine was shut down. High-altitude flights usually lasted for 2-5 minutes as it made a ballistic arc before reentering the atmosphere. A reaction control system, employing hydrogen peroxide thrusters located on the nose and wings, was used to maintain attitude above the atmosphere.

A typical research flight lasted about 10 or 11 minutes while covering nearly 400 miles along a course that stretched from Smith Ranch, Nevada to Edwards Air Force Base.

#### X-15 program benefits:

The X-15 program made many accomplishments, here is list of some of its contributions to space flight:

First use of a full-pressure suit for spaceflight.

First use of reaction controls for maneuvering in space.

First use of a flight control system that automatically blended aerodynamic and reaction controls.

Development of thermal protection for hypersonic reentry.

Development of the first large, restartable, and throttleable rocket engine.

Development of an inertial guidance system.

Demonstration of a pilot's ability to operate in "micro-gravity".

Demonstration of the first piloted reentry-to-landing from space.

Acquisition of hypersonic acoustic measurements, which influenced structural design criteria for Mercury capsule.

Verification of the validity of hypersonic wind tunnel data, which were later used in the design of the Space Shuttle.

#### X-15 technical data:

##### Description:

Manufacturer: North American

Designation: X-15

Type: X Plane (Special Research/Experimental A/C)

First Flew: June 8, 1959

##### Specifications:

Length: 50' 3" 15.32 M

Height: 11' 7" 3.53 M

Wingspan: 22' 4" 6.81 M

Empty Weight: 11374.0 lbs 5158.00 Kg

Gross Weight: 31275.0 lbs 14183.0 Kg

##### Propulsion:

No. of Engines: 1

Powerplant: Reaction Motors XLR-99 rocket engine

Thrust: 57000 lbs

##### Performance:

Range: 275 miles 442.00 Km

Max Speed: 4104.00 Mph 6608.00 Km/H 3571.89 Kt

Ceiling: 314750 Ft 95931.0 M

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#### USAF secret aircraft:

##### B-2 stealth bomber:

The U.S. Air Force/Northrop Grumman B-2 Spirit stealth bomber is a strategic, long-range heavy bomber. Its low-observable stealth technology and all-altitude operational envelope gave it the capability to penetrate the most sophisticated air defenses.

##### B-2 Stealth Bomber

After being developed under a blanket of secrecy, the high-tech B-2 Stealth bomber was unveiled at the Northrop company's manufacturing plant in Palmdale, California, on 22 November 1988. An audience of invited guests and journalists was kept well away from the plane that was designed to slip through enemy radar defenses without being detected and then drop up to 16 nuclear bombs on key targets.

Its first flight was July 17, 1989. The B-2 Combined Test Force located at Air Force Flight Test Center, part of Edwards Air Force Base, California, is responsible for the engineering, manufacturing and flight testing of the development aircraft as they are produced.

The prime contractor, responsible for overall system design and integration, is Northrop Grumman's Military Aircraft Systems Division. Boeing Military Airplanes Co., Hughes Radar Systems Group and General Electric Aircraft Engine Group are key members of the aircraft contractor team. Another major contractor, responsible for aircrew training devices (weapon system trainer and mission trainer) is Hughes Training Inc. (HTI) - Link Division, formerly known as CAE - Link Flight Simulation Corp. Northrop Grumman and its major subcontractor HTI, are responsible for developing and integrating all aircrew and maintenance training programs.

To help achieve radar invisibility, the bomber is coated with radar-absorbent paint on its leading edge. A similar technology is used underwater to foil sonar detection. Modern submarines are coated in a thick layer of a top-secret resin which is highly absorbent acoustically, and reflects only a minute amount of the energy transmitted by sonar detectors.

The B-2's low-observability means that it does not need an armada of support aircraft to accomplish a mission, and its large payload allows it to do the work of many smaller attack aircraft. The revolutionary blending of low-observable technologies with high aerodynamic efficiency and large payload gives the B-2 important advantages over existing bombers. Its low-observability provides it greater freedom of action at high altitudes, thus increasing its range and a better field of view for the aircraft's sensors. The Air Force has published a representative mission scenario showing that two B-2's armed with precision weapons can do the job of a package of 75 conventional aircraft. Only four crew members are put at risk in this mission, compared to 132 in the conventional aircraft package.

The B-2's low-observability is derived from a combination of reduced infra-red, acoustic, electromagnetic, visual and radar signatures. These signatures make it difficult for sophisticated defensive systems to detect, track and engage the B-2. Many aspects of the low-observability process remain classified; however, the B-2's composite materials, special coatings and flying-wing design all contribute to its "stealthiness."

The B-2 can fly more than 6,000 nautical miles unrefueled and more than 10,000 nautical miles with just one refueling, giving it the ability to fly to any point on the globe within hours.

Whiteman AFB, Missouri, is the B-2's only operational base. The first aircraft, Spirit of Missouri, was delivered on 17 December 1993. Depot maintenance responsibility for the B-2 is performed by Air Force contractor support and is managed at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma.

Tests show that with its low observable characteristics, the B-2 is the most survivable aircraft in the world. Northrop Grumman Corporation, the prime contractor, produces the B-2 at facilities in Pico Rivera and Palmdale, California.

#### Description:

Manufacturer: Northrop Grumman Corporation

Designation: B-2 Spirit

Type: Strategic, long-range heavy bomber

#### Specifications:

Length: 69' 20.9 M

Height: 17' 5.1 M

Wingspan: 172' 52.12 M

Take-off Weight (typical): 336500 lbs 152635 Kg

#### Propulsion:

No. of Engines: 4

Powerplant: General Electric F-118-GE-100 engines

Thrust: 17300 pounds each engine

#### Performances:

Range: Inter-continental 6000 nautical miles

(10000 with one refuelling)  
Max Speed: High subsonic  
Ceiling: 50000 Ft 15152 M  
Antogravity and the B-2:  
The legend:

"Retired Air Force Colonel Donald Ware has claimed that a three star general revealed that "the new Lockheed-Martin space shuttle (National Space Plane) and the B-2 (stealth bomber) both have electro-gravitic systems on board" and that "this explains why our 21 Northrop B-2s cost about a billion dollars each." (\*)

(\*) In reality this Colonel never said that publicly. It is only a claim by the infamous "Dr. Wolf" who said this Colonel told him that privately.

It is also worthy to note that the Selected Acquisition Report (with which United States lawmakers track the cost of major U.S. weapons projects) valued the B-2 program at \$45 billion. With 21 aircraft built, that works out at \$2.14 billion each, twice the cost as stated above.

After taking off conventionally, the B-2 has the option of switching to anti-gravity mode. It has been said that using its anti-gravitic technology, the B-2 can fly around the world without refueling.

The F-117 stealth fighter also has hybrid propulsion and lift technologies which may be electro-gravitic systems. Utilizing conventional thrust for public take-offs and landings, switching to anti-gravity mode would allow an extended cruising range, lightning fast maneuverability, and for shrouding the airframe in invisibility (by having its local counter-gravity field bend light around the airframe).

How are anti-gravity systems controlled?

It has been known for sometime now by "Black World" technologists that the key to controlling gravity is Element 115 on the Periodic Table - Ununpentium. The most important attribute of this heavier, stable element is that the gravity A wave is so abundant that it actually extends past the perimeter of the atom. These heavier, stable elements literally have allegedly their own gravity A field around them, in addition to the gravity B field that is native to all matter. By controlling the gravity A wave, you can control gravity. By fuelling an aircraft reactor with ununpentium, you have an aircraft capable of using anti-gravity propulsion.

The facts:

The cost:

Its unit cost is currently estimated to range between 800 and 1300 million dollars, depending on the sources. The unit cost indicated by the US Air Force is "approximately 1157 million dollars (tax 1998 base)."

However, it is highly inappropriate to discuss the unit cost for the B-2 because of the small number built. It is reasonable to debate on the unit costs of the F-104 (2536 built), of the F-16 (3779 built), for example, but for the B-2 there are only 21 built, and it simply does not make any sense to argue that the B-2 has "something more" to it because of this unit cost. Actually, it has "something less:" the number of B-2 actually built; this implies that the equipment, infrastructures, logistics, training material etc generate unusually high costs per unit. Also very expensive: the maintenance of its radar waves absorbing surface, and all the costs of its updates.

See this as you would consider unit costs comparison between a car produced in large series and a car for which you would produce only 20 units...

The high costs of B-2 is due obviously to certain new characteristics which have necessitated new research in new directions, but these innovations do not relate to magnetohydrodynamics: they are its system of electronic flight control, a necessity due to the aerodynamically odd features of the aircraft whose shape is not conceived for piloting rationale but for avoidance of radar waves, which



impacts negatively the aerodynamic requirements. The high costs are also due to R & D for the stealth concept such as the special paints, special jet exhausts etc.

Lastly, the 1200 million dollars B-2 unit cost is not even that shockingly high. Remember that the strategic supersonic bomber B-1 "Lancer" of which the B-2 was supposed to be the successor has a unit cost 2831 million dollars. The XB-70 Valkyrie had reached the billion dollar for each one of its two specimens. Let's not mention the SR-71, neither the CIA nor the US Air Force never dared to give the least indication about the spendings...

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#### Antigravity

In no case I do not support that a propulsion system acting directly by canceling the force of gravitation could not exist, or would be "forbidden by the laws of physics." I submit that it is plain silly to imagine that it cannot exist simply because we have not yet carried out yet such aeronautical prowess in the mere 80 years of aeronautic development we have. Also presumptuous and contradicted by the history of human inventions is the idea that our incapacity at one time to reach out a certain goal has anything to do with "laws of physics" which would be established once and for all, immutable and final. The laws of physics are certainly immutable, but we have certainly not a complete knowledge of them, and nobody should be naive enough as to think we have now listed and understood everything there is to understand.

However, just because something is not impossible does not make it an existing achievement; here, the "explanations" provided to a B-2 with antigravity are only copies of same "explanations" given by others in connection with alleged captured UFOs at Area 51. These explanations started essentially with a story by Bob Lazar, who claimed to have worked in a secret place on a recovered flying saucer. These explanations did not stand very well a close scrutiny by UFO researchers, and the least which one can say is that the story of Bob Lazar is far from having convinced the researchers who investigated on it.

It is not sufficient to say that element 115 is the secret of antigravitation; it is also not sufficient to say that this is "known since a certain time" by "technicians of the Black world." Such vague statements hardly have any value. There seems to be no evidence at all, not even eyewitness testimony of the alleged B-2 gravity control.

Finally I want to add that the magazine Jayne's Defense Weekly also published now and then articles by Nick Cook taking up the idea that B-2 would directly control gravity. You may want to read some indications on the nature of the "investigations" by Nick Cook [ici](#).

#### B-2, Supersonic or subsonic:

The arguments:

The arguments for the theory that the B-2 is using magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) are essentially:

Its cost is too high for a "normal" aircraft.

A video footage shows the air being ionized by its MHD system.

With engines on its upper surface, it becomes detectable by satellites.

It is abnormal that such a costly aircraft really is unable to fly above the speed of sound.

The reality:

Its cost:

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The B-2 alleged MHD video.

"A video clip by its manufacturer shows its MHD propulsion at work: a glary fog surrounds it, and this is ionized air, and effect of MHD."

Actually:

The video is almost an advertising clip, freely downloadable on its manufacturer Northrop-Grumman web site, which does not fit very well the notion of a secret MHD propulsion system.

However this is not a main objection. The main objection is that what the video clip shows is not air ionized by MHD, it is the well-known phenomenon of cavitation when the plane flies through wet air (the video shows the B-2 at low altitude above the sea.) Admittedly, the cloud seems yellow, which one may want to interpret as a luminous, yellow plasma of ionized air. But:

...or... the color is just due to the setting sun.

It is important to note that in this video clip the aircraft precisely flies above water, the wet air strongly supporting the appearance of the cavitation phenomenon, and that the phenomenon appears as a sphere extending on the lower part and the top part of the aircraft while an MHS system should also ionize the air on the front of the aircraft where the shock wave of a supersonic flight would have to be fought.

Those who have some interest in aeronautics have seen this phenomenon quite often around all sorts of planes, also around the space shuttle. It is not at all a rare phenomenon; it is a frequent and known phenomenon.

Cavitation effect, F-18.

Cavitation effect, F-14.

A particularly interesting point here is that this phenomenon occurs when the plane is flying high subsonic speed, which is maximum speed for B-2. Some pilots even play with the phenomenon, the game is to accelerate and slow down around this speed limit for the pleasure of seeing the vapor cloud caused by cavitation move along the structure of the plane.

What may seem to be ionization of the air by MHD is a well-known effect which can be observed with other planes: it is called cavitation, it displays as a ball of vapor around the planes, particularly in wet air.

"If it used jet engines, even with the exhausts above the structure, undetectable of the ground, the satellites would locate it by its infra-red signature."

What really matters is to limit the infra-red signature below the aircraft, because it is this heat signature which interests ground to air missiles available en masse in many countries with which the United States could be in conflict. The B-2 being subsonic, the limitation of ground detectable signature is particularly welcome. Between the risks to be detected from the ground or from above, the choice is quickly made; these risks are lessened by placing the exhaust above the structure and by masking them as much as possible.

But essentially, if there were really a requirement to avoid the detection by satellites rather than to avoid detection by the ground to air missiles, that would not really provide a strong reason to conclude that B-2 would "consequently" use MHD propulsion.

It is because it is subsonic that it is particularly vulnerable to ground-to-air missiles; this is why the exhausts are above and not under the aircraft.

"An airplane of such a nature cannot possibly be subsonic."

One of the reasons given to estimate that the B-2 is supersonic is that for such an expensive, unconventional, strange, stunning plane, it is strange that it would be unable to fly faster.

Actually, the concept which governed its realization is that the plane must escape electronic detection; for that, the idea was to make it undetectable, a solution for survival in combat which is different than mere speed. The search for speed is one way of attempting combat survival, the stealthiness is another way. Both ways do not go along very well on the same plane. The requirements for stealth diminishes the suitability of the plane for speed.

The B-2 was at the beginning, at the time of the Cold war, foreseen as a strategic bomber ready to infiltrate on enemy territory without being detected by the radars. This was meant to be achieved by its particular shape, its low aspect ratio, by its special radar wave absorbing paint, but obviously also by long low altitude flight, as radar performs poorly on low flying targets slipping between hills and mountains. The emphasis was put on low altitude flight between natural obstacles, not on high flying speed.

The US Air Force already had a supersonic solution for strategic bombing: the B-1. But it seemed obvious that B-1 even slipping by at Mach II was relatively vulnerable to radar and anti-aircraft missiles during its long flight above a well defended enemy territory. B-2 was thus a complementary concept: low altitude,

indetectability instead of high speed.

What happens is that at low altitudes, there is almost not even any supersonic jet capable of supersonic speed; the air is too dense. The fast jets are supersonic at high altitude, or supersonic during dogfight with the enemy over short durations, but can certainly not fly for hours at low altitude at supersonic speed. It also uses too much kerosene, and a bomber is not a good tanker, it should carry bombs not fuel.

The Cold War is over, the B-2 is not anymore relevant as a strategic bomber; it is now actually used like tactical bomber: its advantage in this field is to be able to approach the tactical targets and bomb them with great precision, avoiding detection by the enemy radars. There is no necessity to be supersonic, even less to be hypersonic.

The B-2 concept was never based on speed; it rests entirely on the stealth features.

Some words on electro-aerodynamics:

In the above discussion, I give my arguments for the question "does the B-2 use magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) to get supersonic performances." I find this unlikely. But that does not imply at all that the US military have no interest in MHD.

As soon as 1960, Northrop was looking into it, i.e. to check if an ionization of the ambient air by a flying machine could have some interest, and he found out that it has. This field of research was dubbed "electroaerodynamic." This research was not classified, but it seems to not exist anymore now, which suggests that either it has become operational or feasible, or that it has been completely abandoned.

The 1960 experiments were only experiments using models in wind tunnel; there has been absolutely no operational aircraft. The principle was to saturate the nose of the model with negative electric charges, and to blow air at supersonic speed in the wind tunnel towards the fixed model. It was then actually noted that this drastically reduced the shock wave.

These experiments continue at least in the United States: 16 meters long wind tunnels, of a diameter of a few inches, air velocity up to Mach 25 allow testing of the effects of the ionization of models, as for example at the Polytechnic Institute Rensselaer, State of New York. It should however be well understood that the flying machines tested are small models of a few ten grams; that should not at all authorize fairy tales to explain 50 years of observations of UFOS as "secret MHD aircraft."

These results have been since 1960 the pure and simple confirmation of what the French physicist Jean-Pierre Petit proposed: good ionization of the air by a flying machine could almost completely eliminate the formation of a shock wave for aircraft flying at supersonic speeds, and thus, the argument suggesting that the reports of supersonic UFOS without sonic booms are "impossible, contrary to the law of physics" was not a good point any longer.

Jean Pierre Petit had thus cleverly solved this problem, not by calling upon some "technology yet to be invented" but indeed using a current, though certainly innovative concept, certainly a concept that may become ordinary over a few hundreds years to come and thus also possible on some more advanced planet. He goes without saying that if one admits a consideration that UFOS may sometimes be of extraterrestrial origin, one could also suggest that they regulate these non-problems of "impossibility according to the laws of physics" by other techniques of which we would not have the slightest notion. That seems even a requirement, insofar that in space there is no air to ionize whatsoever.

Unfortunately for Jean-Pierre Petit, it seems that this sort of ideas have a little too much "genius" to be acceptable in the military or civil French

research.

In addition this suggests that the hyper-swift torpedoes or perhaps other underwater weapons mentioned by Jean Pierre Petit may really exist.

Concerning possible American flying machines inspired by reverse-engineering of recovered UFOs using the MHD as method of propulsion and not simply as shock wave reduction method, please refer to the work of Jean-Pierre Petit given in reference; the subject is vast and I want to limit this article to the B-2 discussion. Let me simply add simply that MHD as propulsion method makes sense only in an ionizable atmosphere, and that it could be a useful by-product of an unknown spaceflight technique using some unknown field of forces.

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In the mail:

Subject: Your comment on B2 and MHD

Date: 29.08.2003 15:06:38

From: [Removed]

"Sir,"

"we have just read, me and a friend, your file on B2 and we find your argumentations on the fact that this bomber supersonic is a little bit far out."

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"then concerning this image from the video, it is clear that it clearly proves that B2 crossed the sound barrier at that moment. you forgot to show the beginning of the cavitation which goes along the entire craft. This phenomenon being to observe in 95 % of the cases at the time of the passage of the Mach."

you also say that B2 has its cost explained by the fact that research was directed towards its "furtivity", but one knows that the French trans-horizon radar as well as certain Russian radars perfectly follow the B2 flightpaths. One thus can consider that this investment is a failure?"

"finally I would like to get your opinion on facts (that we find disconcerting). You undoubtedly know that Mr. Petit has retired this year, you will find the precise date on the website of Mr. Petit. And as by chance, less than two weeks after this date we observe in the specialized press (Air et Cosmos for example) that France launches out a great scale MHD project. astonishing, because this subject was always ridiculed when Mr. Petit made this research. we are curious to know your opinion on these facts! "

Answer, 08.30.2003:

"we have just read, me and a friend, your file on B2 and we find your argumentations on the fact that this bomber supersonic is a little bit far out."

"first, you direct your argumentation as an attack against J.P Petit,"

No. I do not attack a person. I submit that on this video of a B-2 flight by Northrop-Grumman, the phenomenon is not the ionization of the air by MHD but cavitation. I think that you have much admiration for Jean-Pierre Petit, and that that makes you overreact with some emotion to any opinion different from those by Jean-Pierre Petit as if they were attacks of his person.

" which I find rather strange."

Frankly I see no strangeness there.

"then concerning this image from the video, it is clear that it clearly proves that B2 crossed the sound barrier at that moment. you forgot to show the beginning of the cavitation which goes along the entire craft. This phenomenon being to observe in 95 % of the cases at the time of the passage of the Mach."

No, that proves that B-2 is "high subsonic." Just like you wrote, just like I wrote, the phenomenon occurs at the time of reaching the sound barrier, and some pilots play with that.

Your argumentation does not say anything other else than mine: we see cavitation there, and not air ionized by MHD.

The remainder is hair splitting. For example, 1945 propeller driven Hawker Typhoons and Tempests also passed the sound barrier when diving. That does not make them MHD aircraft, nor supersonic planes.

B-2 may fly at Mach 1.05 or Mach 0.99, that is not so much the question. The question is that this phenomenon of cavitation was interpreted by many people (I do not speak here about Jean-Pierre Petit but about an idea) as proof that B-2 is

- using MHD for propulsion
- reaching hypersonic speed thanks to MHD

I repeat, hypersonic. It was not question of quibbles between Mach 0.95 and 1.1, but a claim that B-2 reaches Mach 5-6

The rest goes like this:

Would you claim that I disparage the person of Jean-Pierre Petit, when in my text I claimed that he has genius?

Would you claim that the phenomenon on the video is not cavitation but air ionized by MHD?

Would you claim that B-2 can reach speeds of, for example Mach 1.5, or hypersonic speed?

"you also say that B2 has its cost explained by the fact that research was directed towards its "furtivity", but one knows that the French trans-horizon radar as well as certain Russian radars perfectly follow the B2 flightpaths. One thus can consider that this investment is a failure?"

Yes. This investment is a failure in the sense that the French and the Russians have now developed radar that detect the B-2. The American made the error to rely on absence of progress of other countries in radar technologies. This said, the furtivity of B-2 remains a success in the sense that the countries which are in conflict with the US still do not have such radars. B-2 thus is "again" a success in the sense that countries which are now the enemies of America cannot counter the B-2 stealthiness, and that countries who can are no longer or never were enemies of America. This is why the B-2 became the bomber with the highest rate of survival of the history of aviation, which much relativizes the appreciation of it as "a failure," it seems to me.

"finally I would like to get your opinion on facts (that we find disconcerting). You undoubtedly know that Mr. Petit has retired this year, you will find the precise date on the website of Mr. Petit. And as by chance, less than two weeks after this date we observe in the specialized press (Air et Cosmos for example) that France launches out a great scale MHD project. astonishing, because this subject was always ridiculed when Mr. Petit made this research. we are curious to know your opinion on these facts!"

I gave an opinion to someone else or on a mailing list (I cannot remember); you are right to ask me about it and here it is:

In my opinion, the authors of the article in Air and Cosmos which you mention probably in all conscience "eliminated" Jean-Pierre Petit from the MHD picture they draw, and I suspect that this has to do with its interest in the question of the UFOs, a themes which the authors probably do not welcome. I am deeply shocked that they completely voided the pioneering role of Jean-Pierre Petit in the field of the MHD.

Other "secret aircraft" supposed to explain UFOs:

Boeing "Bird of Prey".

Horten flying wings.

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Black Helicopters:

Black helicopters have been reported in the 2000's in the US, sometimes associated to UFO observations or cattle mutilation. These helicopters have generated a mystery in themselves: the have no identification marks, are they flown by the US military? Are they secret helicopters? Do they even exist, or are they only hoaxes?

A black helicopter:

Black helicopters do exist, they have no identification marks, and they are not that secret. A source who wished to remain anonymous sent me these pictures. The craft shown here is the successor of the Argus, the Northrop Grumman Ryan model 379 VTUAV, a small size helicopter... without a pilot!

The craft is in use by the US Navy for example, they do publish the same photographs on their web site, accompanied with all the technical data.

Landed VTUAV      VTUAV in flight

VTUAV in flight    VTUAV landing

Model 379 VTUAV specifications:

Rotor Disk Area: 594.5 ft sq

Max Takeoff Weight: 2550 lbs

Empty Weight: 1457 lbs

Mission Fuel Load: 793 lbs

Payload Weight: 200 lbs

Horizontal Tail Area: 3.1 ft sq

Vertical Tail Area: 4.7 ft sq

Anti-Torque Disk Area: 14.2 ft sq

Notes:

This kind of unmanned crafts are intensively developed and tested by the US

military in the recent years, and will probably be deployed for operational use between 2000 and 2025, depending on budget considerations.

As these crafts generally have no identification marks, they might -or might not- be the famous "black helicopters".

Due to their small size, they might appear to the naive observer as "UFO manoeuvring at high speed in the distance". But on the other hand, they are not at all silent, and you can be confident that tests of such crafts are not conducted over populated areas but rather over isolated dedicated test ranges.

These crafts are also quite recent: there was no informatics capacities in the last decades to get an aircraft of any kind to fly in a stable manner under no human control.

In few words, when a flying device is observed near a military test range these days, it is more and more difficult to discriminate between human or possibly non-human crafts. But such craft cannot be used to dismiss cases of the past decades, particularly if the UFO case is reported as "unexplained" by the military themselves.

A reference:

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Secret aircraft of the USAF:

The A-12 was intended to be a subsonic highly stealthy strike aircraft aimed at replacing both the US Navy's A-6 Intruders and USAF's F-111s. The A-12 was cancelled in 1991 allegedly because of cost overruns and the reduction in tension caused by the end of the Cold War and the break-up of the Soviet Union. Although at least \$2 billion, and perhaps as much as \$4 billion, was spent on the A-12, no hardware has been seen for the money. Yet, it is one of many US avionics project which was used by skeptics to incorrectly dismiss UFO observations.

A-12 Avenger II

The A-12 proved to be the most troubled of the new American stealth aircraft in large part because of problems found in the extensive use of composites in its structure. These composites did not result in anticipated weight savings, and some structural elements had to be replaced with heavier metal components. The weight of each aircraft exceeded 30 tons, 30% over design specification, and close to the limits that could be accommodated on aircraft carriers.

The program also experienced problems with its complex Inverse Synthetic Aperture Radar system, as well as delays in its advanced avionics components.

On 7 January 1991, Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney cancelled the program, in the largest contract termination in DoD history. By one estimate the A-12 had become so expensive that it would have consumed up 70 percent of the Navy's aircraft budget within three years.

At first blush, the A-12's performance capabilities would have been in roughly the same class as existing aircraft. The key improvement over existing aircraft, not inherently obvious when comparing specifications, was stealth.

Pictures:

A real size model of the General Dynamics / McDonnell Douglas A-12 Avenger II



was shown to the public for the first time on June 29 & 30, 1996, at the Carswell JRB Open House in Fort Worth, Texas.

A-12

A-12 top view.

A-12

A-12 front view.

UFOs are not A-12:

The A-12 was never finished. The pictures you see in this page are of a full scale model, built out of wood, not an actual operational prototype.

The famous "Black Triangle" UFOs do not match the looks of the A12. The general shape is not the same, the size is not the same, the color is not the same, the texture is not the same, the lights under the "Black Triangle" type of UFO do not match with anything on the A-12. The only common feature is the global triangle shape as seen from a top view, if you disregard the testimonies that make clear the black triangle UFOs have generally cut edges.

The performances of the A12 have nothing to do with the performances of "Black Triangle" UFOs as measured by radar on several occasions. The A12 cannot hover, or fly at the speed of a bicycle at 50 meters altitude, or have 40G acceleration when chased.

The "Black Triangle" UFOs appear sometimes over cities of countries such as Belgium, or near civilian airports, or in agricultural countryside of Mexico. A secret aircraft of the US would never be sent in such era. This is also the position of the USAF and US Navy.

The interest of "stealth" aircraft such as the A-12 is to escape radar detection. On the contrary, "Black Triangle" UFOs and other types of UFOs are detected by military radars of numerous countries, this is what lead them to take the UFO topic seriously, since radar recordings are physical evidences.

Data:

Prime Contractors:

General Dynamics Corporation, Fort Worth, Texas. McDonnell Aircraft Company, St. Louis, Missouri (a Division of McDonnell Douglas Corporation).

Type:

Two seat, two engine, carrier-based medium fighter for air-to-air or air-to-ground all weather day or night attack.

Power Plant:

Two General Electric F412-400 non-afterburning turbofan engines, each developing approximately 13,000 pounds of thrust.

Planned armament:

Up to two AIM-120 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM).

Up to two High Speed Anti-Radiation Missiles (HARM)

Planned to accommodate a full range of air-to-ground ordnance including the MK 82 and "smart" weapons.

Planned avionics:

Westinghouse AN/APQ-183 Multimode Radar.

IBM Mission Control Computer with VHSIC (Very High Speed Integrated Circuit) technology.

Kaiser wide field of view holographic Head Up Display (HUD).

Kaiser Multifunction Display (MFD) screens (7).

General Electric IRSTS (Infrared Search and Track System).

Integrated Electronic Warfare System.

AN/ALD-1 I ESM (Electronic Surveillance Module) set.

Dimensions:

Wing Span - Overall: 70 feet 3 inches

Wing Span - Folded: 36 feet 3.25 inches

Length: 37 feet 3 inches

Aspect Ratio: 3.75

Wheel Base: 19 feet 2.25 inches  
Wheel Track 22 feet  
Speed: 580 mph at sea level  
Height (Overall): 11 feet 3.375 inches  
Height (Folded): 12 feet 6.25 inches  
Wing Area: 1,308 square feet  
Design Load Factor: 9 Gs  
Empty Weight: 39,000 pounds  
Gross Weight: 80,000 pounds  
Combat Radius: 920 miles

Program Status:

The A-12 program was cancelled by the Department of Defense on 5 January 1991.

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The CIA's UFO History, by Mark Rodeghier

After the Cold War ended, the culture of secrecy and the operational style of the CIA began to change. Its director appeared on a radio talk show, and it became possible for citizens to pressure the CIA in ways unheard of during that earlier era. Ufology has been a beneficiary of these changes.

In late 1993, inquiries from several UFO researchers led CIA Director R. James Woolsey to order a review of all CIA files on UFOs. This agency-wide search occurred in 1994 and centralized the CIA's UFO files. Taking advantage of this opportunity, government historian Gerald K. Haines reviewed the documents, conducted interviews, and wrote a study examining the CIA's interest and involvement in UFO investigation and government UFO policy from 1947 until 1990.

Haines's study was published in *Studies in Intelligence*, a classified journal published quarterly for the intelligence community. The article, "CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-90," appeared in the first semiannual unclassified edition for 1997, on pages 67-84. It can be found at <http://www.odci.gov/csi/studies/97unclas/ufo.html> [dead link]

This is a rather important document because it is the first time that a government agency has written a review of its involvement with UFOs. Although the study had been available at least since June when I downloaded it from the CIA Web site, it did not receive widespread publicity until early August. But when the press learned about the Haines study, the attention was dramatic. The story was carried in most large newspapers, on the NBC Nightly News, and many other media outlets. A typical headline from the Chicago Sun-Times reads, "CIA feared UFO hysteria." Several columnists used the CIA history as an opportunity to bash the CIA and secrecy in government, as exemplified by the column by David Wise (author of *The Politics of Lying: Government Deception, Secrecy, and Power*) in the New York Times "Big Lies and Little Green Men."

The media generally focused on two aspects of the Haines article. In a brief section entitled "CIA's U-2 and OXCART as UFOs," Haines claims that many UFO sightings in the late 1950s and 1960s were actually misidentified secret American spy planes. Moreover, he alleges that the Air Force's Project Blue Book was in on this cover-up, purposely misled the public, and falsified (Haines didn't use that word but that is plainly what the Air Force would be doing) UFO explanations. This is important news if true, and the media rightly played up

this angle.

Note that the CIA is not accused of deception by Haines; rather, it is the Air Force that willingly concocted the bogus explanations. Reporters asked the Air Force for comment, and on August 4, Brigadier General Ronald Sconyers told the press, "I cannot confirm or deny that we lied. The Air Force is committed to providing accurate and timely information within the confines of national security."

General Sconyers sounds a bit like a weasel-worded politician, and his statement hardly serves to reduce the controversy. The second topic seized upon by the press and played up as news was the CIA-sponsored Robertson Panel from 1953. Yes, that is correct, the Robertson Panel, whose report has been well-known to anyone interested in UFOs for over 30 years now. That the press could consider the recommendations of the panel to be news at this late date speaks volumes for the intelligence, reporting skills, and historical knowledge of the Fifth Estate. (The Washington Post, in full damage-control mode, said in an editorial that the study was "not an exposé full of new revelations," but the paper had already published an article claiming the opposite.)

Press coverage focused on the panel's recommendations that UFO reports be debunked (a policy Blue Book followed assiduously after 1953), that UFO groups be watched, and that there was a danger the Soviets might use UFOs to clog the channels of communication and then launch a nuclear attack. The deception about our spy planes was just a small part of this strategy.

Although the press was only late by about 40 years, their coverage of this aspect of the report is a positive note for ufology. What is clear from the tone of most articles is that the CIA's (and Air Force's) lies about UFOs are just further examples of all the many lies the American public had been told during the Cold War. And for once, ufologists are being viewed in a sympathetic light by the media as direct victims of government deception.

Coming on the heels of the Air Force's second report on Roswell, the tide has begun to turn against the government in the UFO debate. More and more, it is becoming apparent the government has lied about UFOs for years, and that it still may be lying today. Although the press gave so much coverage to the Haines article, it missed part of the story, failed to do any independent investigation, and generally swallowed the report as written. As Paul Harvey says, now for the rest of the story.

The CIA's excessive secrecy

The report by Haines is remarkably brief, given the CIA's complex UFO involvement. In its Internet version the full article is 21 pages in length, with eight pages of that for footnotes (with several interesting tidbits buried there). Whole swaths of history, such as the early 1970s, are compressed into a few paragraphs or sentences. Certainly a more complete study could be done, and perhaps the classified version is a bit longer.

Nevertheless, to his credit, Haines several times makes it clear that the CIA bungled the handling of UFOs because of its policies of excessive secrecy, in effect fueling the idea of a massive UFO cover-up (for which, not surprisingly, Haines finds no evidence). For example, in 1957 Leon Davidson, a UFO investigator who worked at getting the Robertson Panel report released and was a believer in a government cover-up, was working on a UFO case involving a strange tape recording made by the Maier sisters of Chicago. This tape had actually been analyzed by the CIA's Office of Scientific Intelligence (OSI) and found to be "nothing more than Morse code from a US radio station."

When Davidson wrote to Dewelt Walker, the CIA officer who had contacted the Maier sisters, Walker obfuscated and refused to provide a straight answer about his role. When Davidson persisted, the CIA had the Air Force contact Davidson saying that Walker "was and is an Air Force Officer." Then to further screw

things up, the CIA had one of its officers dress in an Air Force uniform and contact Davidson, claiming to speak on behalf of the Air Force. One cannot blame Davidson for believing there was a cover-up because, obviously, there was. As Haines writes, "Thus, a minor, rather bizarre incident, handled poorly by both the CIA and the Air Force, turned into a major flap that added fuel to the growing mystery surrounding UFOs and CIA's role in their investigation."

In another incident, officers from the Contact Division (CD) of the CIA obtained a UFO photograph from Ralph Mayher in November 1957. After the photos were returned (with no comment or analysis for Mayher), he contacted the CD for the CIA's evaluation because he wanted to mention it on a television program on which he was going to appear. The CIA declined.

Major Donald Keyhoe, head of NICAP, heard about these events and contacted the CIA to confirm the story. But the CIA refused, referring the matter to the Air Force, even though, as Haines writes, "CD field representatives were normally overt and carried credentials identifying their Agency association." No wonder, again, that ufologists would conclude the government was lying about its UFO activities.

#### Monitoring of UFO investigators

Although the CIA clearly lied to Davidson and Keyhoe, the actual UFO events at the heart of each story were mundane and not of particular importance. More sinister is the suggestion that the CIA (or FBI at the CIA's direction) has monitored UFO groups and investigators. Haines has no direct evidence for this, but it is unclear where such records would be kept or whether they would even be at the CIA (rather than the FBI). Certainly, the FBI has files on various ufologists, including Richard Hall, head of the Fund for UFO Research and long-time staffer at NICAP.

A complete history of the CIA's involvement in UFOs should have discussed this critical issue in depth; after all, the Robertson Panel recommended that UFO groups be monitored for subversive activities. That Haines did not fully discuss this subject can probably be attributed to his ignorance of UFO history, to the lack of documentation about this subject in CIA records, and perhaps, to the scope of his article which is more concerned with the investigation of UFOs rather than the investigation of ufologists.

The one bit of evidence Haines does include involves Leon Davidson again. In 1958, worried about future inquiries about government UFO investigation, the CIA met with the Air Force to discuss what to do with such requests. CIA officer Frank Chapin "hinted that Davidson might have ulterior motives" and he suggested having the FBI investigate Davidson. Haines says the record is unclear as to whether the FBI ever acted on this suggestion, but it is not clear how deeply Haines investigated this possibility

Although the evidence is circumstantial, there are other hints that the government was monitoring UFO groups long before these discussions. In their book *UFOs Over the Americas*, Jim and Coral Lorenzen detail several rather bizarre incidents of what would seem to be rather clumsy attempts to learn the Lorenzens' motives for their UFO investigations and the work of APR0, the organization they founded. These occurred in several states over at least a dozen years, and the Lorenzens sound more amused by the experience than upset.

In point of fact, just about any ufologist would have been pleased to have the Air Force or CIA approach them and ask for advice about UFO investigations or what types of cases the investigator was receiving. The problem faced by these agencies, as Haines outlines, is that an excessive policy of secrecy kept them from openly contacting UFO investigators who most likely would have cooperated with government requests for information. As evidence, in early 1965 CIA agents finally did meet openly with Richard Hall at NICAP offices, who gladly gave them copies of UFO reports for the CIA's own review of the UFO situation.

## The Robertson Panel

There is no more pivotal event in the CIA's involvement with UFOs, perhaps in the U.S. government's interest in UFOs, than the Robertson Panel of January 1953. Haines devotes just over a page to this critical study, which provides him no room for nuance or much more than a bare reciting of the facts.

In his review of CIA documents he demonstrates the very high-level CIA interest in UFOs engendered by the UFO flap in the summer of 1952 and, especially, the sightings over Washington, D.C. A special study group was formed within OSI to review the UFO situation. Director Walter Bedell Smith "wanted to know whether or not the Air Force investigation of flying saucers was sufficiently objective," and he wondered "what use could be made of the UFO phenomenon in connection with US psychological warfare efforts."

Memos and meetings were frequent in late 1952 as the CIA considered what should be done about the UFO problem. Haines's research shows that the Robertson Panel's concerns about the clogging of communication channels and the use of UFOs to disrupt U.S. air defenses were taken straight from CIA concerns expressed in internal memos during the summer of 1952. In other words, the Robertson Panel, despite the eminence of the scientists involved, appears to have been carefully orchestrated by the CIA to come to the conclusions it did, which included debunking UFOs with the help of the Air Force Project Blue Book. Haines does not comment on this element of the CIA's role in determining government policy.

## Spy planes and UFOs

I turn now to the issue that so dominated press coverage of Haines's article, the claim that many UFO reports were caused by secret aircraft flights. Given the nature of many UFO reports of objects seen at close range low to the ground, ufologists have uniformly found this claim preposterous. I have over the years personally reviewed the majority of Blue Book reports and know that that they were not caused by misidentifications of spy planes. But because this is such an important claim, here is the full discussion of this issue by Haines.

In November 1954, CIA had entered into the world of high technology with its U-2 overhead reconnaissance project. Working with Lockheed's Advanced Development facility in Burbank, California, known as the Skunk Works, and Kelly Johnson, an eminent aeronautical engineer, the Agency by August 1955 was testing a high-altitude experimental aircraft—the U-2. It could fly at 60,000 feet; in the mid-1950s, most commercial airliners flew between 10,000 feet and 20,000 feet. Consequently, once the U-2 started test flights, commercial pilots and air traffic controllers began reporting a large increase in UFO sightings.

The early U-2s were silver (they were later painted black) and reflected the rays from the sun, especially at sunrise and sunset. They often appeared as fiery objects to observers below. Air Force BLUE BOOK investigators aware of the secret U-2 flights tried to explain away such sightings by linking them to natural phenomena such as ice crystals and temperature inversions. By checking with the Agency's U-2 Project Staff in Washington, BLUE BOOK investigators were able to attribute many UFO sightings to U-2 flights. They were careful, however, not to reveal the true cause of the sighting to the public.

According to later estimates from CIA officials who worked on the U-2 project and the OXCART (SR-71, or Blackbird) project, over half of all UFO reports from the late 1950s through the 1960s were accounted for by manned reconnaissance flights (namely the U-2) over the United States. This led the Air Force to make misleading and deceptive statements to the public in order to allay public fears and to protect an extraordinarily sensitive national security project. While perhaps justified, this deception added fuel to the later conspiracy theories and the cover-up controversy of the 1970s. The percentage of what the Air Force considered unexplained UFO sightings fell to 5.9 percent in 1955 and to 4 percent in 1956.

What exactly is the evidence for the claim that "over half of all UFO reports . . . were accounted for by manned reconnaissance flights"? In one footnote, Haines mentions the monograph *The Central Intelligence Agency and Overhead Reconnaissance: The U-2 and OXCART Programs, 1954-1974*, by Gregory W. Pedlow and Donald E. Welzenbach (1992). A colleague at CUFOS tried to obtain a copy of this reference, which was published by the CIA History Staff, but has been told the monograph is classified. That makes it impossible to verify its accuracy. In a second footnote, Haines mentions a telephone interview with a John Parongosky, who "oversaw the day-to-day affairs of the OXCART program." I would like to call Mr. Parongosky myself, but have been unable to find any listing or address for him.

In any case, there is a very straightforward step which could verify this claim about spy planes, one I am surprised was not taken by at least one reporter. If the Air Force was lying about the cause of UFO sightings to protect the secrecy of our spy planes, then obviously the heads of Blue Book would have been central to the deception. Yet no one seems to have contacted any of these officers, most of whom are still living, for a comment.

I had previously spoken to Lt. Col. (Ret.) Robert Friend, head of Blue Book from about 1958 to early 1963, on a matter of UFO history, so I called him again recently to discuss this subject. Friend had not heard about the CIA report (he doesn't watch much television and doesn't follow UFO news closely these days), but he was very interested to learn about its existence. He asked me for a copy plus any news stories I had on the report.

I read to him the discussion by Haines reproduced above and then asked for his comment. Almost the first words he said were that it is "absolutely not true" that he or his Blue Book team were covering up spy flights as alleged by Haines. He found the whole idea laughable, and he knew Blue Book did not receive more reports from pilots and air traffic controllers after the U-2 began flying.

I asked him if he had ever concealed classified activities that were reported as UFOs. Friend indicated that, indeed, this had occurred on a few occasions, but it was not a regular occurrence. I inquired as to whether he had regular contact with the CIA at Blue Book. He said that he did because the CIA overlooked no potential source of information and wanted to keep tabs on all government intelligence activities. In addition, the Air Force had utilized the services of the National Photographic Interpretation Center, the CIA's photo analysis office, to analyze UFO photos. However, in none of his contacts with the CIA or U-2 project staff was Friend ever told to conceal sightings of the U-2 by the CIA.

To be absolutely sure before I ended the conversation, I asked Friend whether the project had ever received a sighting which he recognized as caused by a U-2 (or other secret aircraft). He said, to his recollection, no. Once again, he chuckled about the idea of half of all UFO reports being caused by manned reconnaissance flights. I then read him the statement by Sconyers quoted earlier, in which the general cannot "confirm or deny that we lied." This brought a guffaw from Friend, who wondered why Sconyers, or anyone currently in the Pentagon, should know what happened 30 years ago. We both marveled at how the press and the military (and Haines) had failed to contact the obvious central figures in this alleged cover-up.

In summary, then, the claim that motivated the press coverage of Haines's report is inaccurate and is not evidence for a CIA and Air Force cover-up of UFO sightings and lies to the American public. Yet the CIA and Air Force did knowingly debunk UFO sightings, and Blue Book personnel often came up with any old explanation so that the yearly summary sheets would have only a small percentage of unidentified sightings. So I'm not too unhappy that the CIA and Air Force were taken to task for something they didn't do, but it is important to set the record straight.

## Forcing disclosure of CIA records

Beginning in the mid-1970s, UFO researchers began using the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to request government, including CIA, documents on UFOs. Once again, the CIA mishandled the requests. After William Spaulding, head of Ground Saucer Watch, wrote in 1975 requesting UFO records, the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator Gene Wilson wrote to Spaulding that the Robertson Panel was "the summation of the Agency interest and involvement in UFOs." As Haines states, "Wilson was ill-informed."

Not believing Wilson's statements, ufologists sued the CIA for records and won the release of about 800 pages in December of 1978. Since the CIA had, unwisely, been denying its involvement in UFO matters, the media was surprised to learn how many documents were held by the agency. The New York Times claimed as a result that the CIA was probably secretly involved in the study of UFOs.

CIA Director Stansfield Turner was so upset by this that he asked his senior officers "Are we in UFOs?" He received a negative answer from his deputy and so moved to quash a new lawsuit asking for the withheld documents from the first release. Notwithstanding the reply Turner got, Haines found that the CIA continued a few activities during the 1980s. As he writes:

"During the late 1970s and 1980s, the Agency continued its low-key interest in UFOs and UFO sightings. While most scientists now dismissed flying saucers [sic] reports as a quaint part of the 1950s and 1960s, some in the Agency and in the Intelligence Community shifted their interest to studying parapsychology and psychic phenomena associated with UFO sightings. CIA officials also looked at the UFO problem to determine what UFO sightings might tell them about Soviet progress in rockets and missiles and reviewed its counterintelligence aspects. Agency analysts from the Life Science Division of OSI and OSWR officially devoted a small amount of their time to issues relating to UFOs. These included counterintelligence concerns that the Soviets and the KGB were using US citizens and UFO groups to obtain information on sensitive US weapons development programs (such as the Stealth aircraft), the vulnerability of the US air-defense network to penetration by foreign missiles mimicking UFOs, and evidence of Soviet advanced technology associated with UFO sightings."

If I hadn't checked the calendar after reading this, I would have sworn this was 1952 and I was reading of CIA concerns about how UFOs could be used by the Soviets against the United States, as eventually expressed in the recommendations of the Robertson Panel report. Some things never change, at least during the Cold War. Haines notes that during this period, "Agency officials purposely kept files on UFOs to a minimum to avoid creating records that might mislead the public if released," and Haines says he found almost no documentation on CIA involvement with UFOs in the 1980s. This certainly is an effective method to circumvent FOIA, but it hardly leads to further confidence in the CIA.

Finally, in an intriguing footnote, Haines says that the "CIA reportedly is also a member of an Incident Response Team to investigate UFO landings, if one should occur. This team has never met." Say what? He offers no evidence for this statement, which, if true, belies the notion that the government completely ignores UFO reports.

In the end, Haines's article is not as revealing as press reports indicated, but it does open a window on CIA activities that have long been closed to the public. Perhaps its chief contribution will be the documents referenced in the footnotes which can now be specifically requested through FOIA by an enterprising UFO historian. His historical analysis is unremittingly pedestrian, but he does admit that CIA errors of commission and omission contributed directly to the notion of a UFO cover-up, and he demonstrates that there was indeed a cover-up, though not of spy planes, of a UFO crash near Roswell, nor other events of similar import.



Another effect of Haines's article is a gradual shifting of media opinion toward granting greater credibility to the statements of UFO groups and investigators and a concomitant greater distrust in government claims about its UFO activities. This is all to the good and here the old phrase "better late than never" surely applies. Those wishing to acquire the full text of the article may download a copy from the CIA's Web site at <http://www.odci.gov/csi/studies/97unclas/ufo.html> (This site has since been removed from the CIA website.). Hard copies can be obtained from the Photoduplication Service, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161. To expedite service, call the NTIS Order Desk at (703) 487-4650.

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On the specific claim that "half of UFO sightings during that time period were reconnaissance flights," Patrick Gross fact checked this with Bluebook data and it seems to be mostly false: <https://ufologie.patrickgross.org/htm/ciau2.htm>

At best, only the occasional UFO sightings were actually reconnaissance flights. Not only did a former Bluebook head find the idea preposterous and laughed it off, there isn't any statistical support for it. Yet, this is the primary narrative when people discuss the CIA study.

Robert Hastings also commented on it here:

<https://www.theufochronicles.com/2016/01/airline-pilots-protest-us-government.html>

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Secret aircraft:

U2 as explanation for UFO reports

In 1997 the CIA published an article that describes its involvement in the history of UFO phenomena. According to historian and author Jerry Haines, the CIA believed that when the U-2 high altitude spy plane began flying in early August, 1955, "commercial pilots and air traffic controllers began reporting a large increase in UFO sightings." But CIA's UFO explanation is preposterous.

1997: CIA claims UFOs were the U2 secret aircraft:

The U-2 is the high altitude spy plane made famous by the 1960 shootdown of Gary Powers as he flew over the Soviet Union and by photos of Russian missile sites in Cuba during the "Cuban Missile Crisis." Mr. Haines has written, "According to later estimates from CIA officials who worked on the U-2 project and the OXCART (SR-71 or Blackbird) project, over half of all UFO reports from the late 1950's through the 1960's were accounted for by manned reconnaissance flights (namely the U-2) over the United States. This led the Air Force to make misleading and deceptive statements to the public in order to allay public fears and to protect an extraordinarily sensitive national security project. While perhaps justified, this deception added fuel to the later conspiracy theories and the cover-up controversy of the 1970's. The percentage of what the Air force considered unexplained UFO sightings fell to 5.9 percent in 1955 and to 4 percent in 1956."

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This explanation for many ("over half of all") UFO reports is new in the sense that it has never before been publicized. It was not contained within documents released by the CIA in December, 1978 after a lawsuit filed under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (FOIPA) by Ground Saucer Watch, a civilian UFO organization which closed in the early 1980's. According to Mr. Haines the U-2 was reported as a UFO because "the early U-2's were silver (they were later painted black) and reflected the rays of the sun, especially at sunrise and sunset. They often appeared as fiery objects to observers below. Air Force Blue Book investigators, aware of the secret U-2 flights, tried to explain away such sightings by linking them to natural phenomena such as ice crystals and temperature inversions. By checking with the Agency's U-2 Project Staff in Washington, Blue Book investigators were able to attribute many UFO sightings to U-2 flights. They were careful, however, not to reveal the true cause of the sighting to the public."

Project Blue Book was the publicly known Air Force effort to collect UFO sightings and explain, or at least categorize, them as explainable or unexplainable. Project Blue Book ran from early 1951 through 1969. When it closed Blue Book and its predecessors (Project Sign, 1948, and Project Grudge, 1949-1951) had collected about 13,000 sightings, of which about 700 were left unexplained.

The claim that the U-2 caused "over half of all UFO reports from the late 1950's through the 1960's" is, to put it gently, preposterous. The U-2, with its 80 feet long by 6 feet wide (front to back) wingspan flew at 60-70,000 feet and at that altitude was essentially invisible during the day. It created no contrail because of the lack of moisture at that altitude. It was, after all, intended to be invisible! During the hour before sunrise and the hour following sunset it would be possible for an unpainted aircraft to reflect the sun enough to be visible, perhaps with a reddish glow resulting from the reddening of sunlight (caused by passage of the sunlight through the atmosphere, which acts like a filter that removes blue and green relative to red). High altitude balloons (e.g., Project Skyhook) did cause some UFO reports during these times of day and were so identified by the Air Force and civilian investigators. However, only a small fraction of sightings occur during these times. The largest fraction of sightings is at night when the U-2 can't be seen and the next largest fraction is during the daytime.

A check of the Project Blue Book sighting statistics, which includes sightings by pilots and air traffic controllers as well as by military personnel and civilians, shows the following: for July, 1955 there were 89 reports and for August there were 67. These numbers are the sum of explained and unexplained sightings and so, presumably, include U-2 sightings, if any. These numbers show that the sighting rate **\*\*diminished\*\*** just as the U-2 started flying. The Blue Book record shows about 316 sightings in the 6 months before the U-2 and about 326 in the six months afterward. Not much change over this longer time period. Mr. Haines has pointed out that the percent unexplained fell from 5.9% in 1955 to 4% in 1956, with the implication that this decrease was a result of more explained U-2 sightings. If we assume that the increase in sightings from 316 to

326, mentioned above, was caused by the U-2, then the U-2 could account for about  $100 \times (10/320) = 3\%$  of the sightings in the 6 months following. Hence these statistics do not bear out the claim that there was a large increase in sightings by any segment of the population, pilots and air traffic controllers included, once the U-2 aircraft started flying.

Statistics based on a different set of data are contained within the "U Database" of over 14,000 sightings by Larry Hatch (Larry Hatch Software, 142 Jeter St., Redwood City, CA 94025-1957). This excellent PC based software provides statistics that are based on unexplained sightings recorded by Project Blue Book and by civilian UFO groups such as NICAP. If Project Blue Book investigators explained some sightings as the U-2, these sightings would not appear in the list of unexplained Blue Book sightings and hence would not be included in this database. On the other hand, the far larger collection of non-Blue Book sightings in this database could include U-2 sightings, if the CIA is correct, that were not identified by civilian investigators who were unaware of the U-2's existence and hence a comparison of the sighting statistics before and after U-2 flights started could provide evidence that the U-2 was being reported as a UFO. In this database you can find the following:

| YEAR/MONTH: | Jan: | Feb: | Mar: | Apr: | May: | Jun: | Jul: | Aug: | Sep: | Oct: | Nov: | Dec: | TOTAL: |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|
| 1953        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 188    |
| 1954        | 13   | 13   | 12   | 17   | 25   | 28   | 18   | 14   | 18   | 4    | 15   | 10   | 187    |
| 1955        | 11   | 8    | 9    | 4    | 12   | 11   | 30   | 29   | 12   | 13   | 12   | 6    | 157    |
| 1956        | 10   | 11   | 7    | 5    | 13   | 20   | 33   | 43   | 9    | 6    | 12   | 3    | 174    |
| 1957        | 3    | 6    | 7    | 3    | 6    | 5    | 12   | 7    | 9    | 10   | 110  | 11   | 189    |
| 1958        | 5    | 0    | 4    | 8    | 3    | 5    | 2    | 8    | 4    | 12   | 6    | 1    | 58     |

The above table shows that there is scant evidence of a jump in sighting rate following the first flight of the U-2 on August 4, 1955. The surprising jump in November, 1957 is coincident with the "Sputnik flap" which occurred just after Sputnik 2 was launched.

This flap is noted for the large number of close-range car-stopping events. Most of the sightings were not sightings of Sputnik itself. As a matter of fact, due to the Sputnik events, many more people than usual looked at the sky at night, which explains a higher number of sightings.

An even more telling set of statistics uses the sightings which occurred near sunrise or sunset when, according to Mr. Haines, the U-2 would have appeared as a shiny or fiery bright spot in the sky. TIME 0400 to 0700 (which encompasses the time before sunrise) (With a time window this wide we get an overestimate of the number of sightings just before sunrise since the time of sunrise varies during the year.) August 1955 is noted by \*\_\*.

| YEAR/MONTH: | Jan: | Feb: | Mar: | Apr: | May: | Jun: | Jul: | Aug: | Sep: | Oct: | Nov: | Dec: | TOTAL: |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|
| 1953        | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 1    |      | 5      |
| 1954        | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 7      |
| 1955        | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | *2*  | 1    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 7      |
| 1956        | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 6    | 2    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 15     |
| 1957        | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 13   | 1    | 19     |
| 1958        | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1      |

TIME: 17:00 to 21:00, which encompasses the time after sunset, with a time window this wide we get an overestimate of the number of sightings just after sunset since local sunset time varies during the year.

| YEAR/MONTH: | Jan: | Feb: | Mar: | Apr: | May: | Jun: | Jul: | Aug: | Sep: | Oct: | Nov: | Dec: | TOTAL: |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|
| 1953        | 9    | 3    | 2    | 1    | 2    | 3    | 2    | 4    | 6    | 2    | 7    | 3    | 44     |
| 1954        | 3    | 2    | 0    | 5    | 5    | 8    | 5    | 2    | 4    | 2    | 4    | 0    | 40     |
| 1955        | 5    | 3    | 3    | 0    | 5    | 0    | 10   | *7*  | 2    | 4    | 5    | 2    | 46     |
| 1956        | 5    | 1    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 6    | 12   | 2    | 0    | 3    | 0    | 37     |
| 1957        | 0    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 3    | 1    | 2    | 26   | 3    | 38     |

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There is no statistical support for a sudden increase in the number of sightings at sunrise or sunset when the U-2 started flying. On the contrary, the number of sightings in August 1955 was lower than during the previous month.

In the early 1960's many of the U-2s were painted black or other camouflage colors thus reducing the number of U-2's that could potentially be seen by glint reflection from the sun.

Moreover, many unexplained sightings involved relatively nearby, structured objects, not nearly invisible distant points of reflected light. These objects were reported to move rapidly at speeds that would far exceed in apparent speed that of the U-2, flying at about 500 mph at 70,000 ft. The U-2 would seem to move slowly, if seen at all.

See also:

U-2 fact sheet.

Other secret aircraft supposed to explain UFOs:

Horten flying wings.

SNECMA's Coléoptère.

Boeing Bird of Prey.

X-47A Pegasus.

AURORA.

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Aidan Gillen as the astronomer J. Allen Hynek in "Project Blue Book" on History. The series dramatizes, with some flagrant embellishment, an actual Air Force program designed to investigate and debunk U.F.O.s.Credit...Eduardo

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By Ralph Blumenthal and Leslie Kean

Jan. 15, 2019

Featuring a Russian spy murder, a self-immolation, gun-toting government thugs and other fanciful plot devices, "Project Blue Book," History's popular new series on the Air Force's program to investigate and debunk U.F.O.s, is not your historian's Project Blue Book.

We viewed the first six episodes from the standpoint of writers who have long

worked on the serious side of U.F.O.s. We broke the December 2017 New York Times exclusive on a secret Pentagon program investigating the phenomenon, with our colleague Helene Cooper. Leslie Kean wrote the Times 2010 best-seller "U.F.O.s: Generals, Pilots and Government Officials Go On the Record." Ralph Blumenthal has written about U.F.O.s for Vanity Fair as well as The Times.

So, despite the embellishments, we were interested to discover parallels between the TV version and the historical and current reality.

[Read the 2017 Times report on the Pentagon's secret U.F.O. program.]

The History series predictably sensationalizes and overdramatizes case investigations and the historical figures involved, adding many story elements that simply never happened. It's already hard enough for those trying to understand the truth about government involvement with U.F.O.s without mixing fact and fiction.

Nonetheless, melodrama aside, the real story is there:

Project Blue Book was the code name for an Air Force program set up in 1952, after numerous U.F.O. sightings during the Cold War era, to explain away or debunk as many reports as possible in order to mitigate possible panic and shield the public from a genuine national security problem: an apparently technological phenomenon that was beyond human control and was not Russian, yet represented an unfathomable potential threat.

Image

Lights photographed in 1952 over a Coast Guard air station in Salem, Mass., part of the Blue Book archive.Credit...Shell R. Alpert/U.S. Coast Guard  
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"Since 28 Oct 75 numerous reports of suspicious objects have been received at the NORAD COC [North American Air Defense Combat

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Operations Center]. Reliable military personnel at Loring AFB [Air Force Base], Maine, Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan, Malmstrom AFB, [Montana], Minot AFB, [North Dakota], and Canadian Forces Station, Falconbridge, Ontario, Canada, have visually sighted suspicious objects.

"Objects at Loring and Wurtsmith were characterized to be helicopters. Missile site personnel, security alert teams and Air Defense personnel at Malmstrom Montana reported object which sounded like a jet aircraft. FAA advised 'There were no jet aircraft in the vicinity.' Malmstrom search and height finder radars carried the object between 9,000 ft and 15,600 ft at a speed of seven knots. ... F-106s scrambled from Malmstrom could not make contact due to darkness and low altitude. Site personnel reported the objects as low as 200 ft and said that as the interceptors approached the lights went out. After the interceptors had passed the lights came on again. One hour after the F-106s returned to base, missile site personnel reported the object increased to a high speed, raised in altitude and could not be discerned from the stars....

"I have expressed my concern to SAFOI [Air Force Information Office] that we come up soonest with a proposed answer to queries from the press to prevent overreaction by the public to reports by the media that may be blown out of proportion. To date efforts by Air Guard helicopters, SAC [Strategic Air Command] helicopters and NORAD F-106s have failed to produce positive ID."

Though officials have long denied that they take 'flying saucers' seriously, declassified documents now reveal extensive Government concern over the phenomenon.

Numerous daily updates kept the Joint Chiefs of Staff informed of these incursions by U.F.O.'s in the fall of 1975. Representatives of the Defense Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency as well as a handful of other Government desks received copies of the National Military Command Center's reports on the incidents. One report said that an unidentified object "demonstrated a clear intent in the weapons storage area." Though Air Force records show that the C.I.A. was notified several times of these penetrations over nuclear missile and bomber bases, the agency has acknowledged only one such notification. Subsequent investigations by the Air Force into the sightings at Loring Air Force Base, Maine, where the remarkable series of events began, did not reveal a cause for the sightings.

Despite official pronouncements for decades that U.F.O.'s were nothing more than misidentified aerial objects and as such were no cause for alarm, recently declassified U.F.O. records from the C.I.A., the F.B.I. and other Federal agencies indicate that, ever since U.F.O.'s made their appearance in our skies in the 1940's, the phenomenon has aroused much serious behind-the-scenes concern in official circles. Details of the intelligence community's protracted obsession with the subject of U.F.O.'s have emerged over the past few years with the release of long-withheld Government records obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. Though these papers fail to resolve the U.F.O. enigma, they do manage to dispel many popular notions about the U.F.O. controversy, as well as give substance to a number of others. Official records now available appear to

put to rest doubts that the Government knew more about U.F.O.'s than it has claimed over the past 32 years. From the start, it has been convinced that most U.F.O. sightings could be explained in terms of misidentified balloons, cloud formations, airplanes, ball lightning, meteors and other natural phenomena.

But the papers also show that the Government remains perplexed about the nagging residue of unexplained U.F.O. sightings, which amount to approximately 10 percent of all U.F.O. sightings reported. Do they pose a threat to national security? Are they just a funny-looking cover for an airborne Soviet presence? Even the possibility that these unknowns could be evidence of extraterrestrial visitations has been given serious attention in Government circles. While official interest in U.F.O.'s has long been thought to be strictly the concern of the Air Force, the bulk of whose records has been open to public view for nearly a decade, the recently released papers on U.F.O.'s indicate otherwise. The Departments of the Army, Navy, State and Defense, and the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the F.B.I., the C.I.A. and even the Atomic Energy Commission produced U.F.O. records over the years. Many of these agencies still do, and many of their documents remain classified. But it is the C.I.A. that appears to have played the key role in the controversy, and may even be responsible for the Government's conduct in U.F.O. investigations throughout the

U.F.O.'s have been the province of the nation's intelligence community ever since the beginning of the cold war, when the notion took hold that some flying saucers might actually represent a secret, technologically advanced, foreign weapons system. "Every time we were concerned," recalls Herbert Scoville Jr., a former chief of the C.I.A.'s Office of Scientific Intelligence, "it was because we wanted to know: Did the Russians do it?"

As the cold war gave rise to the fears of the McCarthy era, official concern over U.F.O.'s even led to the surveillance of several private U.F.O. organizations (as many of their members have long insisted) and to the scrutiny of dozens of individuals suspected of subversive U.F.O. activities.

Perhaps most telling of all, the Government documents on U.F.O.'s reveal that despite official denials to the contrary, Federal agencies continue to monitor the phenomenon to this day.

The monumental task of unearthing the newest batch of records on U.F.O.'s from a bureaucracy that has for years denied their existence can be traced to the efforts of a handful of inquisitive individuals who, armed with the Freedom of Information Act, set off in the mid-70's on a paper chase of U.S. Government documents on U.F.O.'s. They include Bruce S. Maccabee, a Silver Spring, Md., physicist working for the Navy, who has managed to obtain the release of more than 1,200 pages of documents on U.F.O.'s from the F.B.I.; W. Todd Zechel of Prairie du Sac, Wis.; Robert Todd of Ardmore, Pa.; Larry W. Bryant of Arlington, Va.; and Brad C. Sparks, a student in astrophysics at Berkeley whose five-year pursuit of the C.I.A.'s U.F.O. file eventually provided the foundation for a ground-breaking Freedom of Information lawsuit filed by Ground Saucer Watch (G.S.W.), an Arizona-based U.F.O.

At the request of G.S.W. director William H. Spaulding, Peter Gersten, an attorney in the New York firm of Rothblatt, Rothblatt & Seijas, filed a civil action against the C.I.A. in December 1977 demanding all U.F.O. records in the agency's possession. The suit seemed to have achieved its goal when late last year the agency released about 900 documents – nearly 900 pages of memos, reports and correspondence that attest to the agency's long involvement in U.F.O. matters. But the civil action has not seen its final day in court.

By Gersten's account, the agency has arbitrarily withheld documents, made deletions without merit, and failed to conduct a proper search for U.F.O. materials. The agency's current actions, he says, perpetuate its 30-year policy of deliberate deception and dishonesty about U.F.O.'s. "What has been released to us seems to have been rather carefully selected," says Gersten. "We suspect

that the agency is withholding at least 200 more documents than the 57 they have admitted they are keeping from us to protect intelligence sources." Victor Marchetti, a former executive assistant to the agency's deputy director, agrees with Gersten. The entire exercise, Marchetti wrote recently in a magazine article, "has the same aroma of the agency's previous messy efforts to hide its involvement in drugs and mind-control operations, both prime examples of a successful intelligence cover-up."

The first sighting to be labeled a "flying saucer" by the press occurred on June 24, 1947, when an Idaho businessman flying his plane near Mount Rainier observed nine disc-shaped objects making undulating motions "like a saucer skipping over water." As early as World War II, Allied bomber pilots had told of "balls of light" that followed their flights over Japan and Germany. A U.S. Eighth Army investigation concluded that the of "mass hallucination."

These and other incidents were reported in a 1973 book by David Michael Jacobs, "The UFO Controversy in America," which until the recent release of Government documents was the most comprehensive reconstruction of the Government's U.F.O. involvement. When Scandinavians reported cigar-shaped objects in 1946, U.S. Army intelligence suspected that the Russians had developed a secret weapon with the help of German scientists from Peenemiinde. The C.I.A., then known as the Central Intelligence Group, secretly began keeping tabs on the subject. When the unknown objects returned to the skies, this time over the United States in the summer of 1947, the Army Air Force set out to determine what the objects were. Within weeks, Brig. Gen. George F. Schulgen of Army Air Corps Intelligence requested the F.B.I.'s assistance "in locating and questioning the individuals who first sighted the so-called flying discs...." Undoubtedly swayed by flaring cold-war tensions, Schulgen feared that "the first reported sightings might have been by individuals of Communist sympathies with the view to causing hysteria and fear of a secret Russian weapon." J. Edgar Hoover agreed to coopreau have "full access to discs recovered." The Air Force's behind-thescenes interest contrasted sharply with its public stance that the objects were products of misidentifications and imaginative populace. A security lid was imposed on the subject in July 1947, hiding potentially "embarrassing situation" the following month, when both the Air Force and the F.B.I. began suspecting they might actually be investigating our own secret weapons. High-level reassurances were obtained that this was not so.

By the end of the summer, the F.B.I. had "failed to reveal any indication of subversive individuals being involved in any of the reported sightings." A RESTRICTED Army letter that found its way to Hoover's desk said that the bureau's services actually had been enlisted to relieve the Air Forces "of the task of tracking down all the many instances which turned out to be ashcan covers, toilet seats and whatnot." Incensed, Hoover moved quickly to discontinue the bureau's U.F.O. investigations.

In September of that year, the Commanding General of the Army Air Force received letter from the Army Chief of Staff Lieut. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, saying that "the phenomenon reported is of something real and not visionary or fictitious," that the objects appeared to be disc-shaped, "as large as man-made aircraft," and "controlled either manually, automatically or remotely." At Twining's request, project "Sign" was established.

"Sign" failed to find any evidence that the objects were Soviet secret weapons and before long submitted an unofficial "Estimate of the Situation," classified TOP SECRET, which indicated that U.F.O.'s were of interplanetary origin. The estimate eventually reached Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, who rejected it for lack of proof. "Sign's" inconclusive final report remained classified for the next 12 years.

After "Sign," the Air Force continued to collect U.F.O. data under the code name "Grudge." This six-month project found no evidence of foreign scientific development and therefore no direct threat to national security. It did, however, stress that the reported sightings could be dangerous. "There are



indications that the planned release of related psychological propaganda would cause a form of mass hysteria," the report stated. "Employment of these methods by or against an enemy would yield similar results ... governmental agencies interested in psychological warfare should be informed of the results of this study."

A press release following the termination of "Grudge" allowed the public to believe that the Air Force was no longer interested in U.F.O.'s. But the Air Force continued to collect reports through normal intelligence channels until a dramatic sighting of a U.F.O. at the Army Signal Corps radar center in Fort Monmouth, N.J., in 1951 led to the reactivation of "Grudge." The Air Force project was renamed "Blue Book" in 1952, a year that saw a record number of U.F.O. reports.

The situation got out of hand during the summer of 1952. On the morning of July 28, the Washington Post revealed that U.F.O.'s had been tracked on radar at Washington National Airport, the second such incident in a week. Reporters stormed Air Force headquarters in the Pentagon, where switchboards were jammed for days with U.F.O. inquiries. Military installations across the country handled such a volume of reports that "regular intelligence work had been affected," reported The New York Times.

These events prompted action at C.I.A. headquarters, apparently at a request "from the Hill." From the start, the agency's involvement was to be kept secret. An August 1 C.I.A. memo recommended that "no indication of C.I.A. interest or concern reach the press or public, in view of their probable alarmist tendencies to accept such interest as 'confirmatory' of the soundness of 'unpublished facts' in the hands of the U.S. Government."

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Less than a decade later, the White House, perhaps in an attempt to make good Jimmy Carter's campaign promise to tell all about U.F.O.'s, suggested via science advisor Frank Press that possibly NASA could undertake a review of any significant new findings since Condon's study. NASA examined the offer, but saw no way to attack the problem on a scientific basis without physical evidence. They envisioned a public-relations nightmare if they were to accept such a project, and so rejected it. A frank, in-house evaluation of NASA's options, however, noted that a handsoff attitude only begged the question. So in good spirit, the space agency offered to examine any piece of physical evidence brought to its attention. That position led one Federal aviation official to comment: "If you get a piece of the thing, fine. But don't bother me with anything else."

These days, the Air Force admits to nothing more than a "transitory interest" in the phenomenon, although military directives still exist for reporting U.F.O.'s.

The C.I.A. is still wary of the possibility that U.F.O.'s. may be of Soviet origin. "The agency's interest," says Katherine Pherson, a public-affairs officer for the C.I.A., "lies in its responsibility to forewarn principally of the possibility that a foreign power might develop a new weapons system that might exhibit phenomena that some might categorize as a U.F.O. But there is no program to actively collect information on U.F.O.'s." The agency's interest cannot be denied, however, as two 1976 memos reveal.

The first, dated April 26, states: "It does not seem that the Government has any formal program in progress for the identification/solution of the U.F.O. phenomena. Dr. [name deleted] feels that the efforts of independent researchers, [phrase deleted], are vital for further progress in this area. At the present time, there are offices and personnel within the agency who are monitoring the U.F.O. phenomena, but again, this is not currently on an official basis."

Another memo, dated July 14, and routed to the deputy chief in the Office of Development and Engineering, reads: "As you may recall, I mentioned my own interest in the subject as well as the fact that DCD [Domestic Collection Division] has been receiving U.F.O. related material from many of our S & T

(Science and Technology] sources who are presently conducting related research. These scientists include some who have been associated with the Agency for years and whose credentials remove them from the 'nut' variety."

If nothing else, the success of the U.F.O. paper chase may have lent U.F.O.'s a measure of respectability that has eluded the subject for the past third of a century. Though it appears that no U.F.O. sighting has ever represented an airborne Soviet or foreign threat, the possibility that such an event could occur remains foremost in the coldwar-conscious Government mind. Should that threat come to pass, military officials believe, our nation's sophisticated defense system would know about it before someone getting a glass of milk in the middle of the night sees the threat hovering outside the kitchen window. Or so we are made to understand the Air Force's seemingly nonchalant advice to the public: "If you see a U.F.O. and you feel the situation warrants it, call your local police."

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The Defense Department message bears the classification CONFIDENTIAL. "Subject: Suspicious Unknown Air Activity." Dated Nov. 11, 1975, it reads:

"Since 28 Oct 75 numerous reports of suspicious objects have been received at the NORAD COC [North American Air Defense Combat

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Operations Center]. Reliable military personnel at Loring AFB [Air Force Base], Maine, Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan, Malmstrom AFB, [Montana], Minot AFB, [North Dakota], and Canadian Forces Station, Falconbridge, Ontario, Canada, have

visually sighted suspicious objects.

"Objects at Loring and Wurtsmith were characterized to be helicopters. Missile site personnel, security alert teams and Air Defense personnel at Malmstrom Montana reported object which sounded like a jet aircraft. FAA advised 'There were no jet aircraft in the vicinity.' Malmstrom search and height finder radars carried the object between 9,000 ft and 15,600 ft at a speed of seven knots. ... F-106s scrambled from Malmstrom could not make contact due to darkness and low altitude. Site personnel reported the objects as low as 200 ft and said that as the interceptors approached the lights went out. After the interceptors had passed the lights came on again. One hour after the F-106s returned to base, missile site personnel reported the object increased to a high speed, raised in altitude and could not be discerned from the stars....

"I have expressed my concern to SAFOI [Air Force Information Office] that we come up soonest with a proposed answer to queries from the press to prevent overreaction by the public to reports by the media that may be blown out of proportion. To date efforts by Air Guard helicopters, SAC [Strategic Air Command] helicopters and NORAD F-106s have failed to produce positive ID."

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Numerous daily updates kept the Joint Chiefs of Staff informed of these incursions by U.F.O.'s in the fall of 1975. Representatives of the Defense Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency as well as a handful of other Government desks received copies of the National Military Command Center's reports on the incidents. One report said that an unidentified object "demonstrated a clear intent in the weapons storage area." Though Air Force records show that the C.I.A. was notified several times of these penetrations over nuclear missile and bomber bases, the agency has acknowledged only one such notification. Subsequent investigations by the Air Force into the sightings at Loring Air Force Base, Maine, where the remarkable series of events began, did not reveal a cause for the sightings.

Despite official pronouncements for decades that U.F.O.'s were nothing more than misidentified aerial objects and as such were no cause for alarm, recently declassified U.F.O. records from the C.I.A., the F.B.I. and other Federal agencies indicate that, ever since U.F.O.'s made their appearance in our skies in the 1940's, the phenomenon has aroused much serious behind-the-scenes concern in official circles. Details of the intelligence community's protracted obsession with the subject of U.F.O.'s have emerged over the past few years with the release of long-withheld Government records obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. Though these papers fail to resolve the U.F.O. enigma, they do manage to dispel many popular notions about the U.F.O. controversy, as well as give substance to a number of others. Official records now available appear to put to rest doubts that the Government knew more about U.F.O.'s than it has claimed over the past 32 years. From the start, it has been convinced that most U.F.O. sightings could be explained in terms of misidentified balloons, cloud formations, airplanes, ball lightning, meteors and other natural phenomena.

But the papers also show that the Government remains perplexed about the nagging residue of unexplained U.F.O. sightings, which amount to approximately 10 percent of all U.F.O. sightings reported. Do they pose a threat to national security? Are they just a funny-looking cover for an airborne Soviet presence? Even the possibility that these unknowns could be evidence of extraterrestrial visitations has been given serious attention in Government circles. While official interest in U.F.O.'s has long been thought to be strictly the concern of the Air Force, the bulk of whose records has been open to public view for nearly a decade, the recently released papers on U.F.O.'s indicate otherwise. The Departments of the Army, Navy, State and Defense, and the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the Joint Chiefs of Staff,

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U.F.O.'s have been the province of the nation's intelligence community ever since the beginning of the cold war, when the notion took hold that some flying saucers might actually represent a secret, technologically advanced, foreign weapons system. "Every time we were concerned," recalls Herbert Scoville Jr., a former chief of the C.I.A.'s Office of Scientific Intelligence, "it was because we wanted to know: Did the Russians do it?"

As the cold war gave rise to the fears of the McCarthy era, official concern over U.F.O.'s even led to the surveillance of several private U.F.O. organizations (as many of their members have long insisted) and to the scrutiny of dozens of individuals suspected of subversive U.F.O. activities.

Perhaps most telling of all, the Government documents on U.F.O.'s reveal that despite official denials to the contrary, Federal agencies continue to monitor the phenomenon to this day.

The monumental task of unearthing the newest batch of records on U.F.O.'s from a bureaucracy that has for years denied their existence can be traced to the efforts of a handful of inquisitive individuals who, armed with the Freedom of Information Act, set off in the mid-70's on a paper chase of U.S. Government documents on U.F.O.'s. They include Bruce S. Maccabee, a Silver Spring, Md., physicist working for the Navy, who has managed to obtain the release of more than 1,200 pages of documents on U.F.O.'s from the F.B.I.; W. Todd Zechel of Prairie du Sac, Wis.; Robert Todd of Ardmore, Pa.; Larry W. Bryant of Arlington, Va.; and Brad C. Sparks, a student in astrophysics at Berkeley whose five-year pursuit of the C.I.A.'s U.F.O. file eventually provided the foundation for a ground-breaking Freedom of Information lawsuit filed by Ground Saucer Watch (G.S.W.), an Arizona-based U.F.O.

At the request of G.S.W. director William H. Spaulding, Peter Gersten, an attorney in the New York firm of Rothblatt, Rothblatt & Seijas, filed a civil action against the C.I.A. in December 1977 demanding all U.F.O. records in the agency's possession. The suit seemed to have achieved its goal when late last year the agency released about 900 documents — nearly 900 pages of memos, reports and correspondence that attest to the agency's long involvement in U.F.O. matters. But the civil action has not seen its final day in court.

By Gersten's account, the agency has arbitrarily withheld documents, made deletions without merit, and failed to conduct a proper search for U.F.O. materials. The agency's current actions, he says, perpetuate its 30-year policy of deliberate deception and dishonesty about U.F.O.'s. "What has been released to us seems to have been rather carefully selected," says Gersten. "We suspect that the agency is withholding at least 200 more documents than the 57 they have admitted they are keeping from us to protect intelligence sources." Victor Marchetti, a former executive assistant to the agency's deputy director, agrees with Gersten. The entire exercise, Marchetti wrote recently in a magazine article, "has the same aroma of the agency's previous messy efforts to hide its involvement in drugs and mind-control operations, both prime examples of a successful intelligence cover-up."

The first sighting to be labeled a "flying saucer" by the press occurred on June 24, 1947, when an Idaho businessman flying his plane near Mount Rainier observed nine disc-shaped objects making undulating motions "like a saucer skipping over water." As early as World War II, Allied bomber pilots had told of "balls of light" that followed their flights over Japan and Germany. A U.S. Eighth Army investigation concluded that the of "mass hallucination."

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"The UFO Controversy in America," which until the recent release of Government documents was the most comprehensive reconstruction of the Government's U.F.O. involvement. When Scandinavians reported cigar-shaped objects in 1946, U.S. Army intelligence suspected that the Russians had developed a secret weapon with the help of German scientists from Peenemiinde. The C.I.A., then known as the Central Intelligence Group, secretly began keeping tabs on the subject. When the unknown objects returned to the skies, this time over the United States in the summer of 1947, the Army Air Force set out to determine what the objects were. Within weeks, Brig. Gen. George F. Schulgen of Army Air Corps Intelligence requested the F.B.I.'s assistance "in locating and questioning the individuals who first sighted the so-called flying discs..." Undoubtedly swayed by flaring cold-war tensions, Schulgen feared that "the first reported sightings might have been by individuals of Communist sympathies with the view to causing hysteria and fear of a secret Russian weapon." J. Edgar Hoover agreed to cooperate and have "full access to discs recovered." The Air Force's behind-the-scenes interest contrasted sharply with its public stance that the objects were products of misidentifications and imaginative populace. A security lid was imposed on the subject in July 1947, hiding potentially "embarrassing situation" the following month, when both the Air Force and the F.B.I. began suspecting they might actually be investigating our own secret weapons. High-level reassurances were obtained that this was not so.

By the end of the summer, the F.B.I. had "failed to reveal any indication of subversive individuals being involved in any of the reported sightings." A RESTRICTED Army letter that found its way to Hoover's desk said that the bureau's services actually had been enlisted to relieve the Air Force "of the task of tracking down all the many instances which turned out to be ashcan covers, toilet seats and whatnot." Incensed, Hoover moved quickly to discontinue the bureau's U.F.O. investigations.

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"Sign" failed to find any evidence that the objects were Soviet secret weapons and before long submitted an unofficial "Estimate of the Situation," classified TOP SECRET, which indicated that U.F.O.'s were of interplanetary origin. The estimate eventually reached Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, who rejected it for lack of proof. "Sign's" inconclusive final report remained classified for the next 12 years.

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A press release following the termination of "Grudge" allowed the public to believe that the Air Force was no longer interested in U.F.O.'s. But the Air Force continued to collect reports through normal intelligence channels until a dramatic sighting of a U.F.O. at the Army Signal Corps radar center in Fort Monmouth, N.J., in 1951 led to the reactivation of "Grudge." The Air Force project was renamed "Blue Book" in 1952, a year that saw a record number of U.F.O. reports.

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are interplanetary. NICAP's current president is Alan Hall, a former C.I.A. covert employee for 30 years.

In 1966, mounting discontent from members of the press. Congress and the scientific community compelled the Air Force to commission an 18month scientific study of U.F.O.'s under the direction of Edward U. Condon, professor of physics at the University of Colorado. The politically expedient study, in which onethird of the 91 cases examined remained unidentified, reiterated official policy with one novel twist: U.F.O.'s "educationally harmed" schoolchildren who were allowed to use science study time to read books and magazine articles about U.F.O.'s. Condon wanted teachers to withhold credit from any student U.F.O. project. The Air Force took the cue and disbanded project "Blue Book" in 1969.

Less than a decade later, the White House, perhaps in an attempt to make good Jimmy Carter's campaign promise to tell all about U.F.O.'s, suggested via science advisor Frank Press that possibly NASA could undertake a review of any significant new findings since Condon's study. NASA examined the offer, but saw no way to attack the problem on a scientific basis without physical evidence. They envisioned a public-relations nightmare if they were to accept such a project, and so rejected it. A frank, in-house evaluation of NASA's options, however, noted that a handsoff attitude only begged the question. So in good spirit, the space agency offered to examine any piece of physical evidence brought to its attention. That position led one Federal aviation official to comment: "If you get a piece of the thing, fine. But don't bother me with anything else."

These days, the Air Force admits to nothing more than a "transitory interest" in the phenomenon, although military directives still exist for reporting U.F.O.'s.

The C.I.A. is still wary of the possibility that U.F.O.'s. may be of Soviet origin. "The agency's interest," says Katherine Pherson, a public-affairs officer for the C.I.A., "lies in its responsibility to forewarn principally of the possibility that a foreign power might develop a new weapons system that might exhibit phenomena that some might categorize as a U.F.O. But there is no program to actively collect information on U.F.O.'s." The agency's interest cannot be denied, however, as two 1976 memos reveal.

The first, dated April 26, states: "It does not seem that the Government has any formal program in progress for the identification/solution of the U.F.O. phenomena. Dr. [name deleted] feels that the efforts of independent researchers, [phrase deleted], are vital for further progress in this area. At the present time, there are offices and personnel within the agency who are monitoring the U.F.O. phenomena, but again, this is not currently on an official basis."

Another memo, dated July 14, and routed to the deputy chief in the Office of Development and Engineering, reads: "As you may recall, I mentioned my own interest in the subject as well as the fact that DCD [Domestic Collection Division] has been receiving U.F.O. related material from many of our S & T (Science and Technology) sources who are presently conducting related research. These scientists include some who have been associated with the Agency for years and whose credentials remove them from the 'nut' variety."

If nothing else, the success of the U.F.O. paper chase may have lent U.F.O.'s a measure of respectability that has eluded the subject for the past third of a century. Though it appears that no U.F.O. sighting has ever represented an airborne Soviet or foreign threat, the possibility that such an event could occur remains foremost in the coldwar-conscious Government mind. Should that threat come to pass, military officials believe, our nation's sophisticated defense system would know about it before someone getting a glass of milk in the middle of the night sees the threat hovering outside the kitchen window. Or so we are made to understand the Air Force's seemingly nonchalant advice to the public: "If you see a U.F.O. and you feel the situation warrants it, call your local police."

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Robert Todd obtained the release of the Bolender memo in Jan 1979. The implications of this memo, issued in order to justify the shutdown of Project Blue Book, is clear, and is found on page 2: "... reports of unidentified flying objects which could affect national security are made in accordance with JANAP 146 or Air Force Manual 55-11, and are not part of the Blue Book system."

Similar statements about UFO reports bypassing the BB system were made in AF documents going back to 1958-61, when similar efforts to justify closure of BB were made then. In an interview on March 16, 2000, retired BB chief Col. Robert J. Friend told me that he knew there were classified intelligence channels for reporting UFO's that completely bypassed BB and he knew of specific UFO cases involving classified sensor systems that were reported that way and never went to him at BB. UFO's were reported to the AF operational commands in accordance the AF's Operational Reporting system, AFOREP, under AF Manual 55-11 of 1965 and predecessors, and this supplanted the UFO reporting directives that had sent UFO reports to BB. However, even the AFOREP system was bypassed when classified sensor systems and missions were involved, as AFM 55-11 itself indicated in para. 3-1-C: "Provisions of the AFOREP [AF Operational Reporting system] are not intended to abrogate major command systems employing advanced automated, online procedures."

The memo also stated that, "After an extensive study of this (Condon Report) report as well as the review of the report by a panel of the National Academy of Sciences, past studies, Project Blue Book operations and other inputs, the Office of Aerospace Research concluded, and we agree, that the continuation of Project Blue Book cannot be justified, either on the ground of national security or in the interest of science."

Not only had the AF's operational reporting procedures bypassed BB already, as mentioned above, but a highly classified AF global sensor system which Gen. Bolender was heavily involved in was about to go operational in 1969-70. This imminent development finally allowed the AF to be able to close down its PR headache Project BB without worrying that some important intelligence data were being lost. The system had long been planned since 1952 as the means to completely replace Project BB with a quantum leap forward into the 21st century with scientific sensor data on UFO's covering the entire earth 24/7 taking the

place of unreliable, hit-or-miss anecdotal UFO stories coming from relatively few and very limited scattered locations. But the Top Secret system had run into numerous technical and budgetary obstacles which delayed its initial operational capability for many years, thus giving BB reprieves from closure in the late 50's and early 60's.

There were 16 Attachments to the Bolender Memo. Bob Todd spent years trying to get the AF to find and release them, but the AF totally stonewalled him. Several of the 16 Attachments are already known separately and had been released long before, but several are unknown and not released, several more are not described well enough to identify.

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Captain Edward J. Ruppelt (left), head of Project Blue Book, at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base project office in March 1953

Hector Quintanilla became chief of Project Blue Book in August 1963

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Project Blue Book was the code name for the systematic study of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) by the United States Air Force from March 1952 to its

termination on December 17, 1969. The project, headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was initially directed by Captain Edward J. Ruppelt and followed projects of a similar nature such as Project Sign established in 1947, and Project Grudge in 1949. Project Blue Book had two goals, namely, to determine if UFOs were a threat to national security, and to scientifically analyze UFO-related data.

Thousands of UFO reports were collected, analyzed, and filed. As a result of the Condon Report, which concluded that the study of UFOs was unlikely to yield major scientific discoveries, and a review of the report by the National Academy of Sciences, Project Blue Book was terminated in 1969. The Air Force supplies the following summary of its investigations:

No UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force was ever an indication of threat to our national security;  
There was no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represented technological developments or principles beyond the range of modern scientific knowledge; and  
There was no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as "unidentified" were extraterrestrial vehicles.[1]  
By the time Project Blue Book ended, it had collected 12,618 UFO reports, and concluded that most of them were misidentifications of natural phenomena (clouds, stars, etc.) or conventional aircraft. According to the National Reconnaissance Office a number of the reports could be explained by flights of the formerly secret reconnaissance planes U-2 and A-12.[2] 701 reports were classified as unexplained, even after stringent analysis.[3] The UFO reports were archived and are available under the Freedom of Information Act, but names and other personal information of all witnesses have been redacted.

#### Previous projects

See also: Investigation of UFO reports by the United States government  
Public USAF UFO studies were first initiated under Project Sign at the end of 1947, following many widely publicized UFO reports (see Kenneth Arnold). Project Sign was initiated specifically at the request of General Nathan F. Twining, chief of the Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Wright-Patterson was also to be the home of Project Sign and all subsequent official USAF public investigations.

Project Sign was officially inconclusive regarding the cause of the sightings. However, according to U.S. Air Force Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, the first director of Project Blue Book, Sign's initial intelligence estimate – the so-called Estimate of the Situation – written in the late summer of 1948, concluded that the flying saucers were real craft, were not made by either the Soviet Union or United States, and were likely extraterrestrial in origin. (See also Extraterrestrial UFO hypothesis.) This was subsequently rejected by Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, citing a lack of physical proof. Vandenberg subsequently dismantled Project Sign.[4]

Project Sign was succeeded at the end of 1948 by Project Grudge, which was criticized as having a debunking mandate. Ruppelt referred to the era of Project Grudge as the "dark ages" of early USAF UFO investigation. Grudge concluded that all UFOs were natural phenomena or other misinterpretations, although it also stated that 23 percent of the reports could not be explained.

#### Project Blue Book history

##### Captain Ruppelt era

According to Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, by the end of 1951, several high-ranking, very influential USAF generals were so dissatisfied with the state of Air Force UFO investigations that they dismantled Project Grudge and replaced it with Project Blue Book in March 1952. One of these men was Gen. Charles P. Cabell. Another important change came when General William Garland joined Cabell's staff; Garland thought the UFO question deserved serious scrutiny because he had witnessed a UFO.[5]

The new name, Project Blue Book, was selected to refer to the blue booklets used for testing at some colleges and universities. The name was inspired, said Ruppelt, by the close attention that high-ranking officers were giving the new project; it felt as if the study of UFOs was as important as a college final exam. Blue Book was also upgraded in status from Project Grudge, with the creation of the Aerial Phenomenon Branch.[6]

Ruppelt was the first head of the project. He was an experienced airman, having been decorated for his efforts with the Army Air Corps during World War II, and having afterward earned an aeronautics degree. He officially coined the term "Unidentified Flying Object", to replace the many terms ("flying saucer", "flying disk" and so on) the military had previously used; Ruppelt thought that "unidentified flying object" was a more neutral and accurate term. Ruppelt resigned from the Air Force some years later and wrote the book *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*, which described the study of UFOs by the United States Air Force from 1947 to 1955. American scientist Michael D. Swords wrote that "Ruppelt would lead the last genuine effort to analyze UFOs".[7]

Ruppelt implemented a number of changes: He streamlined the manner in which UFOs were reported to (and by) military officials, partly in hopes of alleviating the stigma and ridicule associated with UFO witnesses. Ruppelt also ordered the development of a standard questionnaire for UFO witnesses, hoping to uncover data that could be subject to statistical analysis. He commissioned the Battelle Memorial Institute to create the questionnaire and computerize the data. Using case reports and the computerized data, Battelle then conducted a massive scientific and statistical study of all Air Force UFO cases, completed in 1954 and known as "Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14" (see summary below).

Knowing that factionalism had harmed the progress of Project Sign, Ruppelt did his best to avoid the kinds of open-ended speculation that had led to Sign's personnel being split among advocates and critics of the extraterrestrial UFO hypothesis. As Michael Hall writes, "Ruppelt not only took the job seriously but expected his staff to do so as well. If anyone under him either became too skeptical or too convinced of one particular theory, they soon found themselves off the project".[8] In his book, Ruppelt reported that he fired three personnel very early in the project because they were either "too pro" or "too con" one hypothesis or another. Ruppelt sought the advice of many scientists and experts, and issued regular press releases (along with classified monthly reports for military intelligence).

Each U.S. Air Force Base had a Blue Book officer to collect UFO reports and forward them to Ruppelt.[9] During most of Ruppelt's tenure, he and his team were authorized to interview any and all military personnel who witnessed UFOs and were not required to follow the chain of command. This unprecedented authority underlined the seriousness of Blue Book's investigation.

Under Ruppelt's direction, Blue Book investigated a number of well-known UFO cases, including the so-called Lubbock Lights, and a widely publicized 1952 radar/visual case over Washington, D.C. According to Jacques Vallée,[10] Ruppelt started the trend, largely followed by later Blue Book investigations, of not giving serious consideration to numerous reports of UFO landings and/or interaction with purported UFO occupants.

Astronomer J. Allen Hynek was the scientific consultant of the project. He had been with Projects Sign and Grudge. He worked for the project up to its termination and initially created the categorization which has been extended and is known today as Close encounters. He was a pronounced skeptic when he started, but said that his feelings changed to a more wavering skepticism during the research, after encountering a minority of UFO reports he thought were unexplainable.

Ruppelt left Blue Book in February 1953 for a temporary reassignment. He returned a few months later to find his staff reduced from more than ten, to two subordinates. Frustrated, Ruppelt suggested that an Air Defense Command unit



(the 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron) be charged with UFO investigations.

Robertson Panel

Main article: Robertson Panel

In July 1952, after a build-up of hundreds of sightings over the previous few months, a series of radar detections coincident with visual sightings were observed near the National Airport in Washington, D.C.

After much publicity, these sightings led the Central Intelligence Agency to establish a panel of scientists headed by H. P. Robertson, a physicist of the California Institute of Technology, which included various physicists, meteorologists, and engineers, and one astronomer (Hynek). The Robertson Panel first met on January 14, 1953 in order to formulate a response to the overwhelming public interest in UFOs.

Ruppelt, Hynek, and others presented the best evidence, including movie footage, that had been collected by Blue Book. After spending 12 hours reviewing six years of data, the Robertson Panel concluded that most UFO reports had prosaic explanations and that all could be explained with further investigation, which they deemed not worth the effort.

In their final report, they stressed that low-grade, unverifiable UFO reports were overloading intelligence channels, with the risk of missing a genuine conventional threat to the U.S. Therefore, they recommended the Air Force de-emphasize the subject of UFOs and embark on a debunking campaign to lessen public interest. They suggested debunkery through the mass media, including Walt Disney Productions, and using psychologists, astronomers, and celebrities to ridicule the phenomenon and put forward prosaic explanations.[11] Furthermore, civilian UFO groups "should be watched because of their potentially great influence on mass thinking ... The apparent irresponsibility and the possible use of such groups for subversive purposes should be kept in mind." [citation needed]

It is the conclusion of many researchers[9][12] that the Robertson Panel was recommending controlling public opinion through a program of official propaganda and spying. They also believe these recommendations helped shape Air Force policy regarding UFO study not only immediately afterward, but also into the present day. There is evidence that the Panel's recommendations were being carried out at least two decades after its conclusions were issued (see the main article for details and citations).

In December 1953, Joint Army-Navy-Air Force Regulation number 146 made it a crime for military personnel to discuss classified UFO reports with unauthorized persons. Violators faced up to two years in prison and/or fines of up to \$10,000.

Aftermath of Robertson Panel

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In his book (see external links) Ruppelt described the demoralization of the Blue Book staff and the stripping of their investigative duties following the Robertson Panel jurisdiction.

As an immediate consequence of the Robertson Panel recommendations, in February 1953, the Air Force issued Regulation 200-2, ordering air base officers to publicly discuss UFO incidents only if they were judged to have been solved, and to classify all the unsolved cases to keep them out of the public eye.

The same month, investigative duties started to be taken on by the newly formed 4602nd Air Intelligence Squadron (AISS) of the Air Defense Command. The 4602nd AISS was assigned the task of investigating only the most important UFO cases with intelligence or national security implications. These cases were deliberately siphoned away from Blue Book, leaving Blue Book to deal with the more trivial reports.

General Nathan F. Twining, who started Project Sign in 1947, was now Air Force Chief of Staff. In August 1954, he was to further codify the responsibilities of the 4602nd AISS by issuing an updated Air Force Regulation 200-2. In addition, UFOs (called "UFOB's") were defined as "any airborne object which by performance, aerodynamic characteristics, or unusual features, does not conform to any presently known aircraft or missile type, or which cannot be positively identified as a familiar object." Investigation of UFOs was stated to be for the purposes of national security and to ascertain "technical aspects." AFR 200-2 again stated that Blue Book could discuss UFO cases with the media only if they were regarded as having a conventional explanation. If they were unidentified, the media were to be told only that the situation was being analyzed. Blue Book was also ordered to reduce the number of unidentified to a minimum.

All this work was done secretly. The public face of Blue Book continued to be the official Air Force investigation of UFOs, but the reality was it had essentially been reduced to doing very few serious investigations and had become almost solely a public relations outfit with a debunking mandate. To cite one example, by the end of 1956, the number of cases listed as unsolved had dipped to barely 0.4 percent, from 20 to 30% only a few years earlier.

Eventually, Ruppelt requested reassignment; at his departure in August 1953, his staff had been reduced from more than ten (precise numbers of personnel varied) to just Ruppelt and two subordinates. His temporary replacement was a non-commissioned officer. Most who succeeded him as Blue Book director exhibited either apathy or outright hostility to the subject of UFOs or were hampered by a lack of funding and official support.

UFO investigators often regard Ruppelt's brief tenure at Blue Book as the high-water mark of public Air Force investigations of UFOs, when UFO investigations were treated seriously and had support at high levels.[12] Thereafter, Project Blue Book descended into a new "Dark Ages" from which many UFO investigators argue it never emerged.[12] However, Ruppelt later came to embrace the Blue Book perspective that there was nothing extraordinary about UFOs; he even labeled the subject a "Space Age Myth".

#### Captain Hardin era

In March 1954, Captain Charles Hardin was appointed the head of Blue Book; however, the 4602nd conducted most UFO investigations, and Hardin did not object. Ruppelt wrote that Hardin "thinks that anyone who is even interested [in UFOs] is crazy. They bore him." [13]

In 1955, the Air Force decided that the goal of Blue Book should not be to investigate UFO reports but to minimize the number of unidentified UFO reports. By late 1956, the number of unidentified sightings had dropped from the 20-25% of the Ruppelt era to less than 1%.

#### Captain Gregory era

Captain George T. Gregory took over as Blue Book's director in 1956. Clark writes that Gregory led Blue Book "in an even firmer anti-UFO direction than the apathetic Hardin." [13] The 4602nd was dissolved, and the 1066th Air Intelligence Service Squadron was charged with UFO investigations.

In fact, there was actually little or no investigation of UFO reports; a revised AFR 200-2 issued during Gregory's tenure emphasized that unexplained UFO reports must be reduced to a minimum.

One way that Gregory reduced the number of unexplained UFOs was by simple reclassification. "Possible cases" became "probable", and "probable" cases were upgraded to certainties. By this logic, a possible comet became a probable comet, while a probable comet was flatly declared to have been a misidentified comet. Similarly, if a witness reported an observation of an unusual balloon-like object, Blue Book usually classified it as a balloon, with no research and qualification. These procedures became standard for most of Blue Book's later investigations; see Hynek's comments below.

#### Major Friend era

Lt. Col. Robert J. Friend was appointed the head of Blue Book in 1958. Friend made some attempts to reverse the direction Blue Book had taken since 1954. Clark writes that "Friend's efforts to upgrade the files and catalog sightings according to various observed statistics were frustrated by a lack of funding and assistance." [13]

Heartened by Friend's efforts, Hynek organized the first of several meetings between Blue Book staffers and ATIC personnel in 1959. Hynek suggested that some older UFO reports should be reevaluated, with the ostensible aim of moving them from the "unknown" to the "identified" category. Hynek's plans came to naught.

During Friend's tenure, ATIC contemplated passing the oversight of Blue Book to another Air Force agency, but neither the Air Research and Development Center nor the Office of Information for the Secretary of the Air Force was interested.

In 1960, there were U.S. Congressional hearings regarding UFOs. Civilian UFO research group National Investigations Committee On Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) had publicly charged Blue Book with covering up UFO evidence and had also acquired a few allies in the U.S. Congress. Blue Book was investigated by the Congress and the CIA, with critics – most notably, the civilian UFO group NICAP [12] asserting that Blue Book was lacking as a scientific study. In response, ATIC added personnel (increasing the total personnel to three military personnel, plus civilian secretaries) and increased Blue Book's budget. This seemed to mollify some of Blue Book's critics, [12] but it was only temporary. A few years later (see below), the criticism would be even louder.

By the time he was transferred from Blue Book in 1963, Friend thought that Blue Book was effectively useless and ought to be dissolved, even if it caused an outcry amongst the public. [citation needed]

#### Major Quintanilla era

Major Hector Quintanilla took over as Blue Book's leader in August 1963. He largely continued the debunking efforts, and it was under his direction that Blue Book received some of its sharpest criticism. UFO researcher Jerome Clark goes so far as to write that, by this time, Blue Book had "lost all credibility." [14]

Physicist and UFO researcher James E. McDonald once flatly declared that Quintanilla was "not competent" from either a scientific or an investigative perspective, [15] although he also stressed that Quintanilla "shouldn't be held accountable for it," as he was chosen for his position by a superior officer, and was following orders in directing Blue Book. [15]

Blue Book's explanations of UFO reports were not universally accepted, however, and critics – including some scientists – suggested that Project Blue Book performed questionable research or, worse, was perpetrating cover-up. [12] This criticism grew especially strong and widespread in the 1960s.

Take, for example, the many mostly nighttime UFO reports from the midwestern and southeastern United States in the summer of 1965: Witnesses in Texas reported "multicolored lights" and large aerial objects shaped like eggs or diamonds. [12] The Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported that Tinker Air Force Base (near Oklahoma City) had tracked up to four UFOs simultaneously, and that several of them had descended very rapidly: from about 22000 feet to about 4000 feet in just a few

seconds,[12] an action well beyond the capabilities of conventional aircraft of the era. John Shockley, a meteorologist from Wichita, Kansas, reported that, using the state Weather Bureau radar, he tracked a number of odd aerial objects flying at altitudes between about 6000 and 9000 feet.[12] These and other reports received wide publicity.

Project Blue Book officially determined[12] the witnesses had mistaken Jupiter or bright stars (such as Rigel or Betelgeuse) for something else.

Blue Book's explanation was widely criticized as inaccurate. Robert Riser, director of the Oklahoma Science and Art Foundation Planetarium offered a strongly worded rebuke of Project Blue Book that was widely circulated: "That is as far from the truth as you can get. These stars and planets are on the opposite side of the earth from Oklahoma City at this time of year. The Air Force must have had its star finder upside-down during August".[12]

A newspaper editorial from the Richmond News Leader opined that "Attempts to dismiss the reported sightings under the rationale as exhibited by Project Bluebook [sic] won't solve the mystery ... and serve only to heighten the suspicion that there's something out there that the air force doesn't want us to know about",[12] while a Wichita-based UPI reporter noted that "Ordinary radar does not pick up planets and stars".[12]

Another case that Blue Book's critics seized upon was the so-called Portage County UFO Chase, which began at about 5 a.m., near Ravenna, Ohio on April 17, 1966. Police officers Dale Spaur and Wilbur Neff spotted what they described as a disc-shaped, silvery object with a bright light emanating from its underside, at about 1000 feet in altitude.[12] They began following the object (which they reported sometimes descended as low as 50 feet), and police from several other jurisdictions were involved in the pursuit. The chase ended about 30 minutes later near Freedom, Pennsylvania, some 85 miles away.

The UFO chase made national news, and the police submitted detailed reports to Blue Book. Five days later, following brief interviews with only one of the police officers (but none of the other ground witnesses), Blue Book's director, Major Hector Quintanilla, announced their conclusions: The police (one of them an Air Force gunner during the Korean War) had first chased a communications satellite, then the planet Venus.

This conclusion was widely derided,[12] and police officers strenuously rejected it. In his dissenting conclusion, Hynek described Blue Book's conclusions as absurd: in their reports, several of the police had unknowingly described the Moon, Venus and the UFO, though they unknowingly described Venus as a bright "star" very near the Moon. Ohio Congressman William Stanton said that "The Air Force has suffered a great loss of prestige in this community ... Once people entrusted with the public welfare no longer think the people can handle the truth, then the people, in return, will no longer trust the government".

In September 1968, Hynek received a letter from Colonel Raymond Sleeper of the Foreign Technology Division. Sleeper noted that Hynek had publicly accused Blue Book of shoddy science, and further asked Hynek to offer advice on how Blue Book could improve its scientific methods. Hynek was to later declare that Sleeper's letter was "the first time in my 20 year association with the air force as scientific consultant that I had been officially asked for criticism and advice [regarding] ... the UFO problem".[16]

Hynek wrote a detailed response, dated October 7, 1968, suggesting several areas where Blue Book could improve. In part, he wrote:

... neither of the two missions of Blue Book [determining if UFOs are a threat to national security and using scientific data gathered by Blue Book] are being adequately executed.

The staff of Blue Book, both in numbers and in scientific training, is grossly inadequate ...

Blue Book suffers ... in that it is a closed system ... there is virtually no scientific dialogue between Blue Book and the outside scientific world ... The statistical methods employed by Blue Book are nothing less than a travesty. There has been a lack of attention to significant UFO cases ... and too much time spent on routine cases ... and on peripheral public relations tasks. Concentration could be on two or three potentially scientific significant cases per month [instead of being] spread thin over 40 to 70 cases per month. The information input to Blue Book is grossly inadequate. An impossible load is placed on Blue Book by the almost consistent failure of UFO officers at local air bases to transmit adequate information ... The basic attitude and approach within Blue Book is illogical and unscientific ... Inadequate use had been made of the Project scientific consultant [Hynek]. Only cases that the project monitor deems worthwhile are brought to his attention. His scope of operation ... has been consistently thwarted ... He often learns of interesting cases only a month or two after the receipt of the report at Blue Book.[17] Despite Sleeper's request for criticism, none of Hynek's commentary resulted in any substantial changes in Blue Book.

Quintanilla's own perspective on the project is documented in his manuscript, "UFOs, An Air Force Dilemma." Lt. Col Quintanilla wrote the manuscript in 1975, but it was not published until after his death in 1998. Quintanilla stated in the text that he personally believed it arrogant to think human beings were the only intelligent life in the universe. Yet, while he found it highly likely that intelligent life existed beyond Earth, he had no hard evidence of any extraterrestrial visitation.[18]

#### Congressional hearing

In 1966, a string of UFO sightings in Massachusetts and New Hampshire provoked a Congressional Hearing by the House Committee on Armed Services.[19] According to attachments to the hearing, the Air Force had at first stated that the sightings were the result of a training exercise happening in the area.[20] But NICAP, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, reported that there was no record of a plane flying at the time the sightings occurred.[21] Another report alleged that the UFO was actually a flying billboard advertising gasoline.[22] Raymond Fowler (of NICAP) added his own interviews with the locals, who saw Air Force officers confiscating newspapers with the story of UFOs and telling them not to report what they had seen.[23] Two police officers who had witnessed the UFOs, Eugene Bertrand and David Hunt, wrote a letter to Major Quintanilla stating that they felt their reputations were destroyed by the Air Force. "It was impossible to mistake what we saw for any kind of military operation, regardless of altitude," the irritated officers wrote, adding that there was no way it could have been a balloon or helicopter.[24] According to Secretary Harold Brown of the Air Force, Blue Book consisted of three steps: investigation, analysis, and the distribution of information gathered to interested parties.[25] After Brown gave permission, the press were invited into the hearing.[26] By the time of the hearing, Blue Book had identified and explained 95% of the reported UFO sightings. None of these were extraterrestrial or a threat to national security.[27] Brown himself proclaimed, "I know of no one of scientific standing or executive standing with a detailed knowledge of this, in our organization who believes that they came from extraterrestrial sources." [27] J. Allen Hynek, a science consultant to Blue Book, suggested in an unedited statement that a "civilian panel of physical and social scientists" be formed "for the express purpose of determining whether a major problem really exist" in regards to UFOs.[28] Hynek remarked that he has "not seen any evidence to confirm" extraterrestrials, "nor do I know any competent scientist who has, or who believes that any kind of extraterrestrial intelligence is involved." [29]

#### Condon Committee

Main article: Condon Committee

Criticism of Blue Book continued to grow through the mid-1960s. NICAP's membership ballooned to about 15,000, and the group charged the U.S. Government with a cover-up of UFO evidence.

Following U.S. Congressional hearings, the Condon Committee was established in 1966, ostensibly as a neutral scientific research body. However, the Committee became mired in controversy, with some members charging director Edward U. Condon with bias, and critics would question the validity and the scientific rigor of the Condon Report.

In the end, the Condon Committee suggested that there was nothing extraordinary about UFOs, and while it left a minority of cases unexplained, the report also argued that further research would not be likely to yield significant results.

End

In response to the Condon Committee's conclusions, Secretary of the Air Force Robert C. Seamans, Jr. announced that Blue Book would soon be closed because further funding "cannot be justified either on the grounds of national security or in the interest of science." [30] The last publicly acknowledged day of Blue Book operations was December 17, 1969. However, researcher Brad Sparks, [31] citing research from the May 1970 issue of NICAP's UFO Investigator, reports that the last day of Blue Book activity was actually January 30, 1970. According to Sparks, Air Force officials wanted to keep the Air Force's reaction to the UFO problem from overlapping into a fourth decade, and thus altered the date of Blue Book's closure in official files.

Blue Book's files were sent to the Air Force Archives at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. Major David Shea was to later claim that Maxwell was chosen because it was "accessible yet not too inviting." [30]

Ultimately, Project Blue Book stated that UFOs sightings were generated as a result of:

A mild form of mass hysteria.

Individuals who fabricate such reports to perpetrate a hoax or seek publicity. Psychopathological persons.

Misidentification of various conventional objects.

In April 2003, the USAF publicly indicated that there were no immediate plans to re-establish any official government UFO study programs. [32] However, in December 2017 it was disclosed that a new secret UFO study titled the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP) was funded at 22 million dollars from 2007 to 2012. [33]

USAF official statement on UFOs

Below is the United States Air Force's official statement regarding UFOs, as noted in USAF Fact Sheet 95-03: [32]

From 1947 to 1969, the Air Force investigated Unidentified Flying Objects under Project Blue Book. The project, headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was terminated on December 17, 1969. Of a total of 12,618 sightings reported to Project Blue Book, 701 remained "unidentified."

The decision to discontinue UFO investigations was based on an evaluation of a report prepared by the University of Colorado, titled "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects"; a review of the University of Colorado's report by the National Academy of Sciences; previous UFO studies and Air Force experience investigating UFO reports during 1940 to 1969.

As a result of these investigations, studies and experience gained from investigating UFO reports since 1948, the conclusions of Project Blue Book were:

No UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security.

There has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge.

There has been no evidence indicating the sightings categorized as

"unidentified" are extraterrestrial vehicles.

With the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for investigating and analyzing UFOs was rescinded. Documentation regarding the former Blue Book investigation was permanently transferred to the Modern Military Branch, National Archives and Records Service, and is available for public review and analysis.

Since the termination of Project Blue Book, nothing has occurred that would support a resumption of UFO investigations by the Air Force.

There are a number of universities and professional scientific organizations that have considered UFO phenomena during periodic meetings and seminars. A list of private organizations interested in aerial phenomena may be found in "Encyclopaedia of Associations", published by Gale Research. Interest in and timely review of UFO reports by private groups ensures that sound evidence is not overlooked by the scientific community. Persons wishing to report UFO sightings should be advised to contact local law enforcement agencies.

#### Post-Blue Book U.S.A.F. UFO activities

An Air Force memorandum (released via the Freedom of Information Act) dated October 20, 1969, and signed by Brigadier General Carroll H. "Rip" Bolender (the Deputy Director of Development and Acquisitions under the Air Force's Deputy Chief of Staff, Research and Development) states that even after Blue Book was dissolved, that "reports of UFOs" would still "continue to be handled through the standard Air Force procedure designed for this purpose." Furthermore, wrote Bolender, "Reports of unidentified flying objects which could affect national security ... are not part of the Blue Book system." [34] To date, these other investigation channels, agencies or groups (and Bolender's involvement therein) are unknown. Upon drafting the memo, Bolender, who assumed his generalship in 1965, had recently completed a detached tour as Program Manager for Lunar Excursion Module Operations in the Apollo program, likely reporting to fellow detached Air Force officer Samuel C. Phillips. He would continue to serve in this position and rank until he retired from the Air Force in 1972. [35]

Additionally, author Howard Blum reports [9] that Freedom of Information Act requests show that the U.S. Air Force has continued to catalog and track UFO sightings, particularly a series of dozens of UFO encounters from the late 1960s to the mid-1970s that occurred at U.S. military facilities with nuclear weapons. Blum writes that some of these official documents depart drastically from the normally dry and bureaucratic wording of government paperwork, making obvious the sense of "terror" that these UFO incidents inspired in many U.S.A.F. personnel.

#### Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14

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In late December 1951, Ruppelt met with members of the Battelle Memorial Institute, a think tank based in Columbus, Ohio. Ruppelt wanted their experts to assist them in making the Air Force UFO study more scientific. It was the Battelle Institute that devised the standardized reporting form. Starting in late March 1952, the Institute started analyzing existing sighting reports and encoding about 30 report characteristics onto IBM punched cards for computer analysis.

Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14 was their massive statistical analysis of Blue Book cases to date, some 3200 by the time the report was completed in 1954, after Ruppelt had left Blue Book. Even today, it represents the largest such study ever undertaken. Battelle employed four scientific analysts, who sought to divide cases into "knowns", "unknowns", and a third category of "insufficient information." They also broke down knowns and unknowns into four categories of quality, from excellent to poor. E.g., cases deemed excellent

might typically involve experienced witnesses such as airline pilots or trained military personnel, multiple witnesses, corroborating evidence such as radar contact or photographs, etc. In order for a case to be deemed a "known", only two analysts had to independently agree on a solution. However, for a case to be called an "unknown", all four analysts had to agree. Thus the criterion for an "unknown" was quite stringent.

In addition, sightings were broken down into six different characteristics—color, number, duration of observation, brightness, shape, and speed and then these characteristics were compared between knowns and unknowns to see if there was a statistically significant difference.

The main results of the statistical analysis were:

About 69% of the cases were judged known or identified (38% were considered conclusively identified while 31% were still "doubtfully" explained); about 9% fell into insufficient information. About 22% were deemed "unknown", down from the earlier 28% value of the Air Force studies.

In the known category, 86% of the knowns were aircraft, balloons, or had astronomical explanations. Only 1.5% of all cases were judged to be psychological or "crackpot" cases. A "miscellaneous" category comprised 8% of all cases and included possible hoaxes.

The higher the quality of the case, the more likely it was to be classified unknown. 35% of the excellent cases were deemed unknowns, as opposed to only 18% of the poorest cases.

(More detailed statistics can be found at Identification studies of UFOs.)

Despite this, the summary section of the Battelle Institute's final report declared it was "highly improbable that any of the reports of unidentified aerial objects ... represent observations of technological developments outside the range of present-day knowledge." A number of researchers, including Bruce Maccabee, who extensively reviewed the data, have noted that the conclusions of the analysts were usually at odds with their own statistical results, displayed in 240 charts, tables, graphs and maps. Some conjecture that the analysts may simply have had trouble accepting their own results or may have written the conclusions to satisfy the new political climate within Blue Book following the Robertson Panel.

When the Air Force finally made Special Report #14 public in October 1955, it was claimed that the report scientifically proved that UFOs did not exist. Critics of this claim note that the report actually proved that the "unknowns" were distinctly different from the "knowns" at a very high statistical significance level. The Air Force also incorrectly claimed that only 3% of the cases studied were unknowns, instead of the actual 22%. They further claimed that the residual 3% would probably disappear if more complete data were available. Critics counter that this ignored the fact that the analysts had already thrown such cases into the category of "insufficient information", whereas both "knowns" and "unknowns" were deemed to have sufficient information to make a determination. Also, the "unknowns" tended to represent the higher quality cases, q.e. reports that already had better information and witnesses.

The result of the monumental BMI study was echoed by a 1979 French GEPAN report, which stated that about a quarter of over 1,600 closely studied UFO cases defied explanation, stating, in part, "These cases ... pose a real question." [36] When GEPAN's successor SEPRA closed in 2004, 5800 cases had been analyzed, and the percentage of inexplicable unknowns had dropped to about 14%. The head of SEPRA, Jean-Jacques Velasco [fr], found the evidence of extraterrestrial origins so convincing in these remaining unknowns, that he wrote a book about it in 2005.

#### Criticism

Hynek was an associate member of the Robertson Panel, which recommended that UFOs needed debunking. A few years later, however, Hynek claimed that Air Force personnel were indifferent, incompetent, and conducted shoddy research. Hynek notes that during its existence, critics dubbed Blue Book "The Society for the



Explanation of the Uninvestigated."[37] Regarding Ruppelt, Hynek wrote, "In my contacts with him I found him to be honest and seriously puzzled about the whole phenomenon,"[38] and of Friend he wrote, "Of all the officers I worked with in Blue Book, Colonel Friend earned my respect [and] conducted himself with dignity and a total lack of the bombast that characterized several of the other Blue Book heads."[39] Hynek claimed that Quintanilla "disregard[ed] any evidence that was counter to his hypothesis."[40] Hynek also reported bitter exchanges with Moody, describing Moody as "the master of the possible: possible balloon, possible aircraft, possible birds, which then became, by his own hand (and I argued with him violently at times) the probable."

Author and columnist Robert Sheaffer has written that Project Blue Book "amassed 12,618 reports, and none of them amounted to anything significant, or added to our knowledge of any subject, even after more than 50 years of investigation."[41]

#### Project Blue Book in fiction

##### Project UFO

Jack Webb produced and narrated Project U.F.O., a 1978-1979 television series based on Project Blue Book (though shifting the investigation to the present day rather than its original 1950s-1960s era.)[citation needed]

The series followed two Air Force investigators, William Jordan as Major Jake Gatlin (replaced in the second season by Edward Winter as Major Ben Ryan), and Caskey Swaim as Staff Sergeant (later Technical Sergeant) Harry Fitz, covering a wide variety of UFO incidents.[citation needed]

A former Project Blue Book officer served as the technical advisor for the series. Each episode ended with the following statement superimposed over the U.S. Air Force service mark: "The United States Air Force, after twenty-two years of investigations, concluded that none of the unidentified flying objects reported and evaluated posed a threat to our national security."[citation needed]

##### Twin Peaks

Project Blue Book played a major role in the second season of the 1990-1991 television series Twin Peaks. Major Garland Briggs, an Air Force officer who worked on the program, approaches protagonist Dale Cooper and reveals that Cooper's name turned up in an otherwise nonsensical radio transmission intercepted by the Air Force, which inexplicably originated from the woods surrounding the town of Twin Peaks. As the season progresses, it is revealed that the source of the transmission is the transdimensional realm of the Black Lodge, inhabited by beings which feed on the human emotions of pain and suffering; it eventually comes out that Briggs worked with Cooper's rival, corrupt FBI agent Windom Earle, on Project Blue Book, and that the two men apparently uncovered evidence of the Lodge during the course of their work.

##### Galactica 1980

Every episode of the original Battlestar Galactica spin-off series Galactica 1980 ended with a short statement about the U.S. Air Force's 1969 Project Blue Book findings that UFOs are not proven to exist and "are not a threat to national security".

##### Project Blue Book (2019)

Project Blue Book is the inspiration for the drama series Project Blue Book, which began airing on the History Channel in January 2019.[42]

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Project Blue Book was the code name for the systematic study of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) by the United States Air Force from March 1952 to its termination on December 17, 1969. The project, headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was initially directed by Captain Edward J. Ruppelt and followed projects of a similar nature such as Project Sign established in 1947, and Project Grudge in 1949. Project Blue Book had two goals, namely, to determine if UFOs were a threat to national security, and to scientifically analyze UFO-related data.

Thousands of UFO reports were collected, analyzed, and filed. As a result of the Condon Report, which concluded that the study of UFOs was unlikely to yield major scientific discoveries, and a review of the report by the National Academy of Sciences, Project Blue Book was terminated in 1969. The Air Force supplies the following summary of its investigations:

No UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force was ever an indication of threat to our national security;

There was no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represented technological developments or principles beyond the range of modern scientific knowledge; and

There was no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as "unidentified" were extraterrestrial vehicles.[1]

By the time Project Blue Book ended, it had collected 12,618 UFO reports, and concluded that most of them were misidentifications of natural phenomena (clouds, stars, etc.) or conventional aircraft. According to the National Reconnaissance Office a number of the reports could be explained by flights of the formerly secret reconnaissance planes U-2 and A-12.[2] 701 reports were classified as unexplained, even after stringent analysis.[3] The UFO reports were archived and are available under the Freedom of Information Act, but names and other personal information of all witnesses have been redacted.

Previous projects

See also: Investigation of UFO reports by the United States government  
Public USAF UFO studies were first initiated under Project Sign at the end of 1947, following many widely publicized UFO reports (see Kenneth Arnold). Project Sign was initiated specifically at the request of General Nathan F. Twining, chief of the Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Wright-Patterson was also to be the home of Project Sign and all subsequent official USAF public investigations.

Project Sign was officially inconclusive regarding the cause of the sightings. However, according to U.S. Air Force Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, the first director of Project Blue Book, Sign's initial intelligence estimate – the so-called Estimate of the Situation – written in the late summer of 1948, concluded that the flying saucers were real craft, were not made by either the Soviet Union or United States, and were likely extraterrestrial in origin. (See also Extraterrestrial UFO hypothesis.) This was subsequently rejected by Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, citing a lack of physical proof. Vandenberg subsequently dismantled Project Sign.[4]

Project Sign was succeeded at the end of 1948 by Project Grudge, which was criticized as having a debunking mandate. Ruppelt referred to the era of Project Grudge as the "dark ages" of early USAF UFO investigation. Grudge concluded that all UFOs were natural phenomena or other misinterpretations, although it also stated that 23 percent of the reports could not be explained.

#### Project Blue Book history

##### Captain Ruppelt era

According to Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, by the end of 1951, several high-ranking, very influential USAF generals were so dissatisfied with the state of Air Force UFO investigations that they dismantled Project Grudge and replaced it with Project Blue Book in March 1952. One of these men was Gen. Charles P. Cabell. Another important change came when General William Garland joined Cabell's staff; Garland thought the UFO question deserved serious scrutiny because he had witnessed a UFO.[5]

The new name, Project Blue Book, was selected to refer to the blue booklets used for testing at some colleges and universities. The name was inspired, said Ruppelt, by the close attention that high-ranking officers were giving the new project; it felt as if the study of UFOs was as important as a college final exam. Blue Book was also upgraded in status from Project Grudge, with the creation of the Aerial Phenomenon Branch.[6]

Ruppelt was the first head of the project. He was an experienced airman, having been decorated for his efforts with the Army Air Corps during World War II, and having afterward earned an aeronautics degree. He officially coined the term "Unidentified Flying Object", to replace the many terms ("flying saucer", "flying disk" and so on) the military had previously used; Ruppelt thought that "unidentified flying object" was a more neutral and accurate term. Ruppelt resigned from the Air Force some years later and wrote the book *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*, which described the study of UFOs by the United States Air Force from 1947 to 1955. American scientist Michael D. Swords wrote that "Ruppelt would lead the last genuine effort to analyze UFOs".[7]

Ruppelt implemented a number of changes: He streamlined the manner in which UFOs were reported to (and by) military officials, partly in hopes of alleviating the stigma and ridicule associated with UFO witnesses. Ruppelt also ordered the development of a standard questionnaire for UFO witnesses, hoping to uncover data that could be subject to statistical analysis. He commissioned the Battelle Memorial Institute to create the questionnaire and computerize the data. Using case reports and the computerized data, Battelle then conducted a massive scientific and statistical study of all Air Force UFO cases, completed in 1954 and known as "Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14" (see summary below).

Knowing that factionalism had harmed the progress of Project Sign, Ruppelt did his best to avoid the kinds of open-ended speculation that had led to Sign's personnel being split among advocates and critics of the extraterrestrial UFO hypothesis. As Michael Hall writes, "Ruppelt not only took the job seriously but expected his staff to do so as well. If anyone under him either became too skeptical or too convinced of one particular theory, they soon found themselves off the project".[8] In his book, Ruppelt reported that he fired three personnel

very early in the project because they were either "too pro" or "too con" one hypothesis or another. Ruppelt sought the advice of many scientists and experts, and issued regular press releases (along with classified monthly reports for military intelligence).

Each U.S. Air Force Base had a Blue Book officer to collect UFO reports and forward them to Ruppelt.[9] During most of Ruppelt's tenure, he and his team were authorized to interview any and all military personnel who witnessed UFOs and were not required to follow the chain of command. This unprecedented authority underlined the seriousness of Blue Book's investigation.

Under Ruppelt's direction, Blue Book investigated a number of well-known UFO cases, including the so-called Lubbock Lights, and a widely publicized 1952 radar/visual case over Washington, D.C. According to Jacques Vallée,[10] Ruppelt started the trend, largely followed by later Blue Book investigations, of not giving serious consideration to numerous reports of UFO landings and/or interaction with purported UFO occupants.

Astronomer J. Allen Hynek was the scientific consultant of the project. He had been with Projects Sign and Grudge. He worked for the project up to its termination and initially created the categorization which has been extended and is known today as Close encounters. He was a pronounced skeptic when he started, but said that his feelings changed to a more wavering skepticism during the research, after encountering a minority of UFO reports he thought were unexplainable.

Ruppelt left Blue Book in February 1953 for a temporary reassignment. He returned a few months later to find his staff reduced from more than ten, to two subordinates. Frustrated, Ruppelt suggested that an Air Defense Command unit (the 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron) be charged with UFO investigations.

Robertson Panel

Main article: Robertson Panel

In July 1952, after a build-up of hundreds of sightings over the previous few months, a series of radar detections coincident with visual sightings were observed near the National Airport in Washington, D.C.

After much publicity, these sightings led the Central Intelligence Agency to establish a panel of scientists headed by H. P. Robertson, a physicist of the California Institute of Technology, which included various physicists, meteorologists, and engineers, and one astronomer (Hynek). The Robertson Panel first met on January 14, 1953 in order to formulate a response to the overwhelming public interest in UFOs.

Ruppelt, Hynek, and others presented the best evidence, including movie footage, that had been collected by Blue Book. After spending 12 hours reviewing six years of data, the Robertson Panel concluded that most UFO reports had prosaic explanations and that all could be explained with further investigation, which they deemed not worth the effort.

In their final report, they stressed that low-grade, unverifiable UFO reports were overloading intelligence channels, with the risk of missing a genuine conventional threat to the U.S. Therefore, they recommended the Air Force de-emphasize the subject of UFOs and embark on a debunking campaign to lessen public interest. They suggested debunkery through the mass media, including Walt Disney Productions, and using psychologists, astronomers, and celebrities to ridicule the phenomenon and put forward prosaic explanations.[11] Furthermore, civilian UFO groups "should be watched because of their potentially great influence on mass thinking ... The apparent irresponsibility and the possible use of such groups for subversive purposes should be kept in mind." [citation needed]

It is the conclusion of many researchers[9][12] that the Robertson Panel was

recommending controlling public opinion through a program of official propaganda and spying. They also believe these recommendations helped shape Air Force policy regarding UFO study not only immediately afterward, but also into the present day. There is evidence that the Panel's recommendations were being carried out at least two decades after its conclusions were issued (see the main article for details and citations).

In December 1953, Joint Army-Navy-Air Force Regulation number 146 made it a crime for military personnel to discuss classified UFO reports with unauthorized persons. Violators faced up to two years in prison and/or fines of up to \$10,000.

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Air Force Regulation 200-2, Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting

In his book (see external links) Ruppelt described the demoralization of the Blue Book staff and the stripping of their investigative duties following the Robertson Panel jurisdiction.

As an immediate consequence of the Robertson Panel recommendations, in February 1953, the Air Force issued Regulation 200-2, ordering air base officers to publicly discuss UFO incidents only if they were judged to have been solved, and to classify all the unsolved cases to keep them out of the public eye.

The same month, investigative duties started to be taken on by the newly formed 4602nd Air Intelligence Squadron (AISS) of the Air Defense Command. The 4602nd AISS was assigned the task of investigating only the most important UFO cases with intelligence or national security implications. These cases were deliberately siphoned away from Blue Book, leaving Blue Book to deal with the more trivial reports.

General Nathan F. Twining, who started Project Sign in 1947, was now Air Force Chief of Staff. In August 1954, he was to further codify the responsibilities of the 4602nd AISS by issuing an updated Air Force Regulation 200-2. In addition, UFOs (called "UFOB's") were defined as "any airborne object which by performance, aerodynamic characteristics, or unusual features, does not conform to any presently known aircraft or missile type, or which cannot be positively identified as a familiar object." Investigation of UFOs was stated to be for the purposes of national security and to ascertain "technical aspects." AFR 200-2 again stated that Blue Book could discuss UFO cases with the media only if they were regarded as having a conventional explanation. If they were unidentified, the media were to be told only that the situation was being analyzed. Blue Book was also ordered to reduce the number of unidentified to a minimum.

All this work was done secretly. The public face of Blue Book continued to be the official Air Force investigation of UFOs, but the reality was it had essentially been reduced to doing very few serious investigations and had become almost solely a public relations outfit with a debunking mandate. To cite one example, by the end of 1956, the number of cases listed as unsolved had dipped to barely 0.4 percent, from 20 to 30% only a few years earlier.

Eventually, Ruppelt requested reassignment; at his departure in August 1953, his staff had been reduced from more than ten (precise numbers of personnel varied) to just Ruppelt and two subordinates. His temporary replacement was a non-commissioned officer. Most who succeeded him as Blue Book director exhibited either apathy or outright hostility to the subject of UFOs or were hampered by a lack of funding and official support.

UFO investigators often regard Ruppelt's brief tenure at Blue Book as the high-water mark of public Air Force investigations of UFOs, when UFO investigations were treated seriously and had support at high levels.[12] Thereafter, Project Blue Book descended into a new "Dark Ages" from which many UFO investigators argue it never emerged.[12] However, Ruppelt later came to embrace the Blue Book perspective that there was nothing extraordinary about UFOs; he even labeled the subject a "Space Age Myth".

#### Captain Hardin era

In March 1954, Captain Charles Hardin was appointed the head of Blue Book; however, the 4602nd conducted most UFO investigations, and Hardin did not object. Ruppelt wrote that Hardin "thinks that anyone who is even interested [in UFOs] is crazy. They bore him." [13]

In 1955, the Air Force decided that the goal of Blue Book should not be to investigate UFO reports but to minimize the number of unidentified UFO reports. By late 1956, the number of unidentified sightings had dropped from the 20-25% of the Ruppelt era to less than 1%.

#### Captain Gregory era

Captain George T. Gregory took over as Blue Book's director in 1956. Clark writes that Gregory led Blue Book "in an even firmer anti-UFO direction than the apathetic Hardin." [13] The 4602nd was dissolved, and the 1066th Air Intelligence Service Squadron was charged with UFO investigations.

In fact, there was actually little or no investigation of UFO reports; a revised AFR 200-2 issued during Gregory's tenure emphasized that unexplained UFO reports must be reduced to a minimum.

One way that Gregory reduced the number of unexplained UFOs was by simple reclassification. "Possible cases" became "probable", and "probable" cases were upgraded to certainties. By this logic, a possible comet became a probable comet, while a probable comet was flatly declared to have been a misidentified comet. Similarly, if a witness reported an observation of an unusual balloon-like object, Blue Book usually classified it as a balloon, with no research and qualification. These procedures became standard for most of Blue Book's later investigations; see Hynek's comments below.

#### Major Friend era

Lt. Col. Robert J. Friend was appointed the head of Blue Book in 1958. Friend made some attempts to reverse the direction Blue Book had taken since 1954. Clark writes that "Friend's efforts to upgrade the files and catalog sightings according to various observed statistics were frustrated by a lack of funding and assistance." [13]

Heartened by Friend's efforts, Hynek organized the first of several meetings between Blue Book staffers and ATIC personnel in 1959. Hynek suggested that some older UFO reports should be reevaluated, with the ostensible aim of moving them from the "unknown" to the "identified" category. Hynek's plans came to naught.

During Friend's tenure, ATIC contemplated passing the oversight of Blue Book to another Air Force agency, but neither the Air Research and Development Center nor the Office of Information for the Secretary of the Air Force was interested.

In 1960, there were U.S. Congressional hearings regarding UFOs. Civilian UFO research group National Investigations Committee On Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) had publicly charged Blue Book with covering up UFO evidence and had also acquired a few allies in the U.S. Congress. Blue Book was investigated by the Congress and the CIA, with critics — most notably, the civilian UFO group NICAP [12] asserting that Blue Book was lacking as a scientific study. In response, ATIC added personnel (increasing the total personnel to three military personnel, plus civilian secretaries) and increased Blue Book's budget. This seemed to mollify some of Blue Book's critics, [12] but it was only temporary. A few years later (see below), the criticism would be even louder.



By the time he was transferred from Blue Book in 1963, Friend thought that Blue Book was effectively useless and ought to be dissolved, even if it caused an outcry amongst the public.[citation needed]

#### Major Quintanilla era

Major Hector Quintanilla took over as Blue Book's leader in August 1963. He largely continued the debunking efforts, and it was under his direction that Blue Book received some of its sharpest criticism. UFO researcher Jerome Clark goes so far as to write that, by this time, Blue Book had "lost all credibility." [14]

Physicist and UFO researcher James E. McDonald once flatly declared that Quintanilla was "not competent" from either a scientific or an investigative perspective, [15] although he also stressed that Quintanilla "shouldn't be held accountable for it," as he was chosen for his position by a superior officer, and was following orders in directing Blue Book. [15]

Blue Book's explanations of UFO reports were not universally accepted, however, and critics – including some scientists – suggested that Project Blue Book performed questionable research or, worse, was perpetrating cover-up. [12] This criticism grew especially strong and widespread in the 1960s.

Take, for example, the many mostly nighttime UFO reports from the midwestern and southeastern United States in the summer of 1965: Witnesses in Texas reported "multicolored lights" and large aerial objects shaped like eggs or diamonds. [12] The Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported that Tinker Air Force Base (near Oklahoma City) had tracked up to four UFOs simultaneously, and that several of them had descended very rapidly: from about 22000 feet to about 4000 feet in just a few seconds, [12] an action well beyond the capabilities of conventional aircraft of the era. John Shockley, a meteorologist from Wichita, Kansas, reported that, using the state Weather Bureau radar, he tracked a number of odd aerial objects flying at altitudes between about 6000 and 9000 feet. [12] These and other reports received wide publicity.

Project Blue Book officially determined [12] the witnesses had mistaken Jupiter or bright stars (such as Rigel or Betelgeuse) for something else.

Blue Book's explanation was widely criticized as inaccurate. Robert Riser, director of the Oklahoma Science and Art Foundation Planetarium offered a strongly worded rebuke of Project Blue Book that was widely circulated: "That is as far from the truth as you can get. These stars and planets are on the opposite side of the earth from Oklahoma City at this time of year. The Air Force must have had its star finder upside-down during August". [12]

A newspaper editorial from the Richmond News Leader opined that "Attempts to dismiss the reported sightings under the rationale as exhibited by Project Bluebook [sic] won't solve the mystery ... and serve only to heighten the suspicion that there's something out there that the air force doesn't want us to know about", [12] while a Wichita-based UPI reporter noted that "Ordinary radar does not pick up planets and stars". [12]

Another case that Blue Book's critics seized upon was the so-called Portage County UFO Chase, which began at about 5 a.m., near Ravenna, Ohio on April 17, 1966. Police officers Dale Spaur and Wilbur Neff spotted what they described as a disc-shaped, silvery object with a bright light emanating from its underside, at about 1000 feet in altitude. [12] They began following the object (which they reported sometimes descended as low as 50 feet), and police from several other jurisdictions were involved in the pursuit. The chase ended about 30 minutes later near Freedom, Pennsylvania, some 85 miles away.

The UFO chase made national news, and the police submitted detailed reports to Blue Book. Five days later, following brief interviews with only one of the police officers (but none of the other ground witnesses), Blue Book's director,

Major Hector Quintanilla, announced their conclusions: The police (one of them an Air Force gunner during the Korean War) had first chased a communications satellite, then the planet Venus.

This conclusion was widely derided,[12] and police officers strenuously rejected it. In his dissenting conclusion, Hynek described Blue Book's conclusions as absurd: in their reports, several of the police had unknowingly described the Moon, Venus and the UFO, though they unknowingly described Venus as a bright "star" very near the Moon. Ohio Congressman William Stanton said that "The Air Force has suffered a great loss of prestige in this community ... Once people entrusted with the public welfare no longer think the people can handle the truth, then the people, in return, will no longer trust the government".

In September 1968, Hynek received a letter from Colonel Raymond Sleeper of the Foreign Technology Division. Sleeper noted that Hynek had publicly accused Blue Book of shoddy science, and further asked Hynek to offer advice on how Blue Book could improve its scientific methods. Hynek was to later declare that Sleeper's letter was "the first time in my 20 year association with the air force as scientific consultant that I had been officially asked for criticism and advice [regarding] ... the UFO problem".[16]

Hynek wrote a detailed response, dated October 7, 1968, suggesting several areas where Blue Book could improve. In part, he wrote:

... neither of the two missions of Blue Book [determining if UFOs are a threat to national security and using scientific data gathered by Blue Book] are being adequately executed.

The staff of Blue Book, both in numbers and in scientific training, is grossly inadequate ...

Blue Book suffers ... in that it is a closed system ... there is virtually no scientific dialogue between Blue Book and the outside scientific world ...

The statistical methods employed by Blue Book are nothing less than a travesty. There has been a lack of attention to significant UFO cases ... and too much time spent on routine cases ... and on peripheral public relations tasks.

Concentration could be on two or three potentially scientific significant cases per month [instead of being] spread thin over 40 to 70 cases per month.

The information input to Blue Book is grossly inadequate. An impossible load is placed on Blue Book by the almost consistent failure of UFO officers at local air bases to transmit adequate information ...

The basic attitude and approach within Blue Book is illogical and unscientific ...

Inadequate use had been made of the Project scientific consultant [Hynek]. Only cases that the project monitor deems worthwhile are brought to his attention. His scope of operation ... has been consistently thwarted ... He often learns of interesting cases only a month or two after the receipt of the report at Blue Book.[17]

Despite Sleeper's request for criticism, none of Hynek's commentary resulted in any substantial changes in Blue Book.

Quintanilla's own perspective on the project is documented in his manuscript, "UFOs, An Air Force Dilemma." Lt. Col Quintanilla wrote the manuscript in 1975, but it was not published until after his death in 1998. Quintanilla stated in the text that he personally believed it arrogant to think human beings were the only intelligent life in the universe. Yet, while he found it highly likely that intelligent life existed beyond Earth, he had no hard evidence of any extraterrestrial visitation.[18]

#### Congressional hearing

In 1966, a string of UFO sightings in Massachusetts and New Hampshire provoked a Congressional Hearing by the House Committee on Armed Services.[19] According to attachments to the hearing, the Air Force had at first stated that the sightings were the result of a training exercise happening in the area.[20] But NICAP, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, reported that there was no record of a plane flying at the time the sightings occurred.[21] Another

report alleged that the UFO was actually a flying billboard advertising gasoline.[22] Raymond Fowler (of NICAP) added his own interviews with the locals, who saw Air Force officers confiscating newspapers with the story of UFOs and telling them not to report what they had seen.[23] Two police officers who had witnessed the UFOs, Eugene Bertrand and David Hunt, wrote a letter to Major Quintanilla stating that they felt their reputations were destroyed by the Air Force. "It was impossible to mistake what we saw for any kind of military operation, regardless of altitude," the irritated officers wrote, adding that there was no way it could have been a balloon or helicopter.[24] According to Secretary Harold Brown of the Air Force, Blue Book consisted of three steps: investigation, analysis, and the distribution of information gathered to interested parties.[25] After Brown gave permission, the press were invited into the hearing.[26] By the time of the hearing, Blue Book had identified and explained 95% of the reported UFO sightings. None of these were extraterrestrial or a threat to national security.[27] Brown himself proclaimed, "I know of no one of scientific standing or executive standing with a detailed knowledge of this, in our organization who believes that they came from extraterrestrial sources." [27] J. Allen Hynek, a science consultant to Blue Book, suggested in an unedited statement that a "civilian panel of physical and social scientists" be formed "for the express purpose of determining whether a major problem really exist" in regards to UFOs.[28] Hynek remarked that he has "not seen any evidence to confirm" extraterrestrials, "nor do I know any competent scientist who has, or who believes that any kind of extraterrestrial intelligence is involved." [29]

#### Condon Committee

Main article: Condon Committee

Criticism of Blue Book continued to grow through the mid-1960s. NICAP's membership ballooned to about 15,000, and the group charged the U.S. Government with a cover-up of UFO evidence.

Following U.S. Congressional hearings, the Condon Committee was established in 1966, ostensibly as a neutral scientific research body. However, the Committee became mired in controversy, with some members charging director Edward U. Condon with bias, and critics would question the validity and the scientific rigor of the Condon Report.

In the end, the Condon Committee suggested that there was nothing extraordinary about UFOs, and while it left a minority of cases unexplained, the report also argued that further research would not be likely to yield significant results.

End

In response to the Condon Committee's conclusions, Secretary of the Air Force Robert C. Seamans, Jr. announced that Blue Book would soon be closed because further funding "cannot be justified either on the grounds of national security or in the interest of science." [30] The last publicly acknowledged day of Blue Book operations was December 17, 1969. However, researcher Brad Sparks, [31] citing research from the May 1970 issue of NICAP's UFO Investigator, reports that the last day of Blue Book activity was actually January 30, 1970. According to Sparks, Air Force officials wanted to keep the Air Force's reaction to the UFO problem from overlapping into a fourth decade, and thus altered the date of Blue Book's closure in official files.

Blue Book's files were sent to the Air Force Archives at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. Major David Shea was to later claim that Maxwell was chosen because it was "accessible yet not too inviting." [30]

Ultimately, Project Blue Book stated that UFOs sightings were generated as a result of:

A mild form of mass hysteria.

Individuals who fabricate such reports to perpetrate a hoax or seek publicity.

Psychopathological persons.

Misidentification of various conventional objects.

In April 2003, the USAF publicly indicated that there were no immediate plans to

re-establish any official government UFO study programs.[32] However, in December 2017 it was disclosed that a new secret UFO study titled the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP) was funded at 22 million dollars from 2007 to 2012.[33]

#### USAF official statement on UFOs

Below is the United States Air Force's official statement regarding UFOs, as noted in USAF Fact Sheet 95-03:[32]

From 1947 to 1969, the Air Force investigated Unidentified Flying Objects under Project Blue Book. The project, headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was terminated on December 17, 1969. Of a total of 12,618 sightings reported to Project Blue Book, 701 remained "unidentified."

The decision to discontinue UFO investigations was based on an evaluation of a report prepared by the University of Colorado, titled "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects"; a review of the University of Colorado's report by the National Academy of Sciences; previous UFO studies and Air Force experience investigating UFO reports during 1940 to 1969.

As a result of these investigations, studies and experience gained from investigating UFO reports since 1948, the conclusions of Project Blue Book were:

No UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security.

There has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge.

There has been no evidence indicating the sightings categorized as "unidentified" are extraterrestrial vehicles.

With the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for investigating and analyzing UFOs was rescinded. Documentation regarding the former Blue Book investigation was permanently transferred to the Modern Military Branch, National Archives and Records Service, and is available for public review and analysis.

Since the termination of Project Blue Book, nothing has occurred that would support a resumption of UFO investigations by the Air Force.

There are a number of universities and professional scientific organizations that have considered UFO phenomena during periodic meetings and seminars. A list of private organizations interested in aerial phenomena may be found in "Encyclopaedia of Associations", published by Gale Research. Interest in and timely review of UFO reports by private groups ensures that sound evidence is not overlooked by the scientific community. Persons wishing to report UFO sightings should be advised to contact local law enforcement agencies.

#### Post-Blue Book U.S.A.F. UFO activities

An Air Force memorandum (released via the Freedom of Information Act) dated October 20, 1969, and signed by Brigadier General Carroll H. "Rip" Bolender (the Deputy Director of Development and Acquisitions under the Air Force's Deputy Chief of Staff, Research and Development) states that even after Blue Book was dissolved, that "reports of UFOs" would still "continue to be handled through the standard Air Force procedure designed for this purpose." Furthermore, wrote Bolender, "Reports of unidentified flying objects which could affect national security ... are not part of the Blue Book system." [34] To date, these other investigation channels, agencies or groups (and Bolender's involvement therein) are unknown. Upon drafting the memo, Bolender, who assumed his generalship in 1965, had recently completed a detached tour as Program Manager for Lunar Excursion Module Operations in the Apollo program, likely reporting to fellow detached Air Force officer Samuel C. Phillips. He would continue to serve in this position and rank until he retired from the Air Force in 1972.[35]

Additionally, author Howard Blum reports[9] that Freedom of Information Act

requests show that the U.S. Air Force has continued to catalog and track UFO sightings, particularly a series of dozens of UFO encounters from the late 1960s to the mid-1970s that occurred at U.S. military facilities with nuclear weapons. Blum writes that some of these official documents depart drastically from the normally dry and bureaucratic wording of government paperwork, making obvious the sense of "terror" that these UFO incidents inspired in many U.S.A.F. personnel.

#### Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14

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In late December 1951, Ruppelt met with members of the Battelle Memorial Institute, a think tank based in Columbus, Ohio. Ruppelt wanted their experts to assist them in making the Air Force UFO study more scientific. It was the Battelle Institute that devised the standardized reporting form. Starting in late March 1952, the Institute started analyzing existing sighting reports and encoding about 30 report characteristics onto IBM punched cards for computer analysis.

Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14 was their massive statistical analysis of Blue Book cases to date, some 3200 by the time the report was completed in 1954, after Ruppelt had left Blue Book. Even today, it represents the largest such study ever undertaken. Battelle employed four scientific analysts, who sought to divide cases into "knowns", "unknowns", and a third category of "insufficient information." They also broke down knowns and unknowns into four categories of quality, from excellent to poor. E.g., cases deemed excellent might typically involve experienced witnesses such as airline pilots or trained military personnel, multiple witnesses, corroborating evidence such as radar contact or photographs, etc. In order for a case to be deemed a "known", only two analysts had to independently agree on a solution. However, for a case to be called an "unknown", all four analysts had to agree. Thus the criterion for an "unknown" was quite stringent.

In addition, sightings were broken down into six different characteristics—color, number, duration of observation, brightness, shape, and speed and then these characteristics were compared between knowns and unknowns to see if there was a statistically significant difference.

The main results of the statistical analysis were:

About 69% of the cases were judged known or identified (38% were considered conclusively identified while 31% were still "doubtfully" explained); about 9% fell into insufficient information. About 22% were deemed "unknown", down from the earlier 28% value of the Air Force studies.

In the known category, 86% of the knowns were aircraft, balloons, or had astronomical explanations. Only 1.5% of all cases were judged to be psychological or "crackpot" cases. A "miscellaneous" category comprised 8% of all cases and included possible hoaxes.

The higher the quality of the case, the more likely it was to be classified unknown. 35% of the excellent cases were deemed unknowns, as opposed to only 18% of the poorest cases.

(More detailed statistics can be found at Identification studies of UFOs.)

Despite this, the summary section of the Battelle Institute's final report declared it was "highly improbable that any of the reports of unidentified aerial objects ... represent observations of technological developments outside the range of present-day knowledge." A number of researchers, including Bruce Maccabee, who extensively reviewed the data, have noted that the conclusions of the analysts were usually at odds with their own statistical results, displayed in 240 charts, tables, graphs and maps. Some conjecture that the analysts may simply have had trouble accepting their own results or may have written the

conclusions to satisfy the new political climate within Blue Book following the Robertson Panel.

When the Air Force finally made Special Report #14 public in October 1955, it was claimed that the report scientifically proved that UFOs did not exist. Critics of this claim note that the report actually proved that the "unknowns" were distinctly different from the "knowns" at a very high statistical significance level. The Air Force also incorrectly claimed that only 3% of the cases studied were unknowns, instead of the actual 22%. They further claimed that the residual 3% would probably disappear if more complete data were available. Critics counter that this ignored the fact that the analysts had already thrown such cases into the category of "insufficient information", whereas both "knowns" and "unknowns" were deemed to have sufficient information to make a determination. Also, the "unknowns" tended to represent the higher quality cases, q.e. reports that already had better information and witnesses.

The result of the monumental BMI study was echoed by a 1979 French GEPAN report, which stated that about a quarter of over 1,600 closely studied UFO cases defied explanation, stating, in part, "These cases ... pose a real question." [36] When GEPAN's successor SEPRA closed in 2004, 5800 cases had been analyzed, and the percentage of inexplicable unknowns had dropped to about 14%. The head of SEPRA, Jean-Jacques Velasco [fr], found the evidence of extraterrestrial origins so convincing in these remaining unknowns, that he wrote a book about it in 2005.

#### Criticism

Hynek was an associate member of the Robertson Panel, which recommended that UFOs needed debunking. A few years later, however, Hynek claimed that Air Force personnel were indifferent, incompetent, and conducted shoddy research. Hynek notes that during its existence, critics dubbed Blue Book "The Society for the Explanation of the Uninvestigated." [37] Regarding Ruppelt, Hynek wrote, "In my contacts with him I found him to be honest and seriously puzzled about the whole phenomenon," [38] and of Friend he wrote, "Of all the officers I worked with in Blue Book, Colonel Friend earned my respect [and] conducted himself with dignity and a total lack of the bombast that characterized several of the other Blue Book heads." [39] Hynek claimed that Quintanilla "disregard[ed] any evidence that was counter to his hypothesis." [40] Hynek also reported bitter exchanges with Moody, describing Moody as "the master of the possible: possible balloon, possible aircraft, possible birds, which then became, by his own hand (and I argued with him violently at times) the probable."

Author and columnist Robert Sheaffer has written that Project Blue Book "amassed 12,618 reports, and none of them amounted to anything significant, or added to our knowledge of any subject, even after more than 50 years of investigation." [41]

#### Project Blue Book in fiction

##### Project UFO

Jack Webb produced and narrated Project U.F.O., a 1978-1979 television series based on Project Blue Book (though shifting the investigation to the present day rather than its original 1950s-1960s era.) [citation needed]

The series followed two Air Force investigators, William Jordan as Major Jake Gatlin (replaced in the second season by Edward Winter as Major Ben Ryan), and Caskey Swaim as Staff Sergeant (later Technical Sergeant) Harry Fitz, covering a wide variety of UFO incidents. [citation needed]

A former Project Blue Book officer served as the technical advisor for the series. Each episode ended with the following statement superimposed over the U.S. Air Force service mark: "The United States Air Force, after twenty-two years of investigations, concluded that none of the unidentified flying objects reported and evaluated posed a threat to our national security." [citation needed]

#### Twin Peaks

Project Blue Book played a major role in the second season of the 1990–1991 television series *Twin Peaks*. Major Garland Briggs, an Air Force officer who worked on the program, approaches protagonist Dale Cooper and reveals that Cooper's name turned up in an otherwise nonsensical radio transmission intercepted by the Air Force, which inexplicably originated from the woods surrounding the town of Twin Peaks. As the season progresses, it is revealed that the source of the transmission is the transdimensional realm of the Black Lodge, inhabited by beings which feed on the human emotions of pain and suffering; it eventually comes out that Briggs worked with Cooper's rival, corrupt FBI agent Windom Earle, on Project Blue Book, and that the two men apparently uncovered evidence of the Lodge during the course of their work.

#### Galactica 1980

Every episode of the original *Battlestar Galactica* spin-off series *Galactica 1980* ended with a short statement about the U.S. Air Force's 1969 Project Blue Book findings that UFOs are not proven to exist and "are not a threat to national security".

#### Project Blue Book (2019)

Project Blue Book is the inspiration for the drama series *Project Blue Book*, which began airing on the History Channel in January 2019.[42]

See also

Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program – U.S. program to study UFOs (2007–2012)

Robertson Panel – 1953 scientific committee for UAP reports

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Half-Astral Projection

76 kommentarer

Posted on 11.12.2014 kl. 19:39

Hei alle sammen! Har dere det fint? Jeg har det tipp-topp-tommel-opp (haha), men er som vanlig utrolig sliten etter en lang dag med både intervju, trening og middag med venner. Angående intervju, da. Jeg ble intervjuet av VGTV idag, og Morten som intervjuet meg er en herlig type og jeg slappet nok litt for mye av, jeg delte så mye som jeg ikke har snakket om noen steder, hverken på bloggen eller til venner, så jeg er utrolig spent på reaksjonene. Jeg tror dere kommer til å like det, og uansett hvor teit det høres ut, så åpner jeg meg så mye som jeg gjør for deres del. Det betyr så mye for meg at noen kan kjenne seg igjen i mine historier, og kanskje finner en trøst. Men mer om det imorgen!

Forresten, takk for alle kommentarene deres om drømmer igår! Jeg har nå kommet fram til at det jeg driver med er Half-Astral Projection, og etter å ha googlet masse hadde jeg en helt sinnsyk opplevelse tidligere. Wow, noe så mindblowing! Nå har jeg funnet en teknikk for jeg ser for meg at jeg først beveger en finger, så den neste, så begge to samtidig, og slik fortsetter jeg helt til jeg rører hele kroppen og rører meg "ut" av kroppen, haha. Altså, du skal ikke se for deg at du beveger en finger egentlig, du skal føle at du gjør det, uten at du egentlig gjør noen ting. Og så til slutt ruller jeg ut av kroppen. Når "vibreringen" eller prikkingen kommer til hodet kommer kan det være lurt å se for seg et annet sted eller rom så tydelig du kan mens du føler på at du beveger deg (uten å bevege seg!), og så skal man være klar 😊 Jeg er selv en person som mener at de klarsynte, de som ser engler osv er helt merkelige, og det mener jeg forsåvidt enda. Men dette er noe helt annet, ikke noe jeg driver med fordi jeg tror jeg vet så mye, eller at jeg er en "gave fra gud". Jeg utforsker rett og slett bare litt med mitt eget sinn, og hva jeg kan få fram når jeg drømmer. Og dette er ikke søvnparalyse, fordi jeg føler ikke at jeg er inne i min egen kropp når det skjer. Jeg kan flytte sinnet mitt ut i sta, og så flytte meg inn på rommet og se meg selv sove, og så drar jeg videre. Det er helt fantastisk og jeg gleder meg til hver gang jeg skal gjøre det!

Hilsen freaken.

76 kommentarer

kristinesm

11.12.2014, kl. 19:41

Hei Sophie!

Elsker bloggen din, den er så ærlig og usminket! Du er en veldig pen jente som virkelig står på! du fortjener alt du har oppnådd! Stå på videre!

Reply

Julie Angelita

11.12.2014, kl. 19:54

Jøsh så kult det du driver med 😊 kan kontrollere drømmene mine til en viss grad, men det du har funnet ut høres så artig ut 😊 kanskje jeg skal prøve å eksperimentere litt jeg og 😊

Reply

Anonym

11.12.2014, kl. 19:56

WOW, så pen du var der!! Sminket du deg annerledes der? Du så mye mer naturlig ut, og det kledde du virkelig! Kan du lage en sminkevideo med hvordan du sminket deg her?

Reply

Renate

11.12.2014, kl. 20:00

Du er så utrolig inspirerende, klarer ikke sette ord på det. Du kjemper for dine egne meninger, du er et sinnsykt forbilde. De som mener at du er dum og sånt burde ta seg en bolle, du har inspirert meg til å ta andre valg og gjøre noe med meg selv. Selv om jeg fortsatt bearbeider hele prosessen med meg selv, så vet jeg at jeg kan lese bloggen din for å finne ut av ting, utrolig nok. Det du skriver om nå er utrolig kult, jeg har også hatt noen sånne opplevelser uansett jeg er 13, men har vært redd for å snakke om det. Takk for at du er en slik inspirasjon ♥

Reply

Anonym

11.12.2014, kl. 20:02

Jeg elsker støvlettene dine! Hvor er de fra?? 😊

Reply

Lila

11.12.2014, kl. 20:02

Kan du legge ut gratis bloggeren for 2 uker, frøken? 😊

Reply

Anonym

11.12.2014, kl. 20:04

Hva slags dop har du begynt med? Det høres ganske fjernt ut det du driver med nå ... Pass på deg selv.

Reply

Anonym

11.12.2014, kl. 20:10

Du må bare fortsette! 😊 Dette kan gi deg svar på så mange ting, hvis du går inn for å øke bevisstheten din og komme i kontakt med ditt høyere selv. Kos deg masse videre med astralreiser! <3

Reply

Anonym

11.12.2014, kl. 20:12  
Er det slutt med typen?

Reply

Stina

11.12.2014, kl. 20:18

Ser du bruker å svare på kommentarer i ny og ne, så tar sjansen! Hvor er skoene dine fra? ELSKER de!

Reply

Anonym

11.12.2014, kl. 20:20

Er du og Robin fortsatt sammen? og hvor kjøpte du støvlettene?

Reply

Anonym

11.12.2014, kl. 20:22

Ingen som skal si at du mangler fantasi ihvertfall

Reply

mm

11.12.2014, kl. 20:29

er ikke det slik at når du "går" ut av kroppen at noen kan komme å "ta" den?

Reply

Anonym

11.12.2014, kl. 20:31

Hade der mista du en leser

Reply

Anonym

11.12.2014, kl. 20:40

Bor du ikke sammen med Robin lenger? Det synes jeg vi lesere "fortjener" å få en bitteliten kommentar på..

Reply

Madel

11.12.2014, kl. 20:44

åh jeg elsker å lese om disse opplevelsene dine med drømmene å det! Jeg blir så fascinert

Reply

Anonym

11.12.2014, kl. 20:52

Syntes dette var drit spennende og interessant å lese om, derfor skulle jeg gjerne ønsket enda et innlegg om akkurat dette. Det jeg lurar på er: hvor lenge hører du på den musikken du hører på? Må man ligge helt rolig mens man "mediterer"? Må man ligge i en spesiell stilling? Når du vet at du har kommet til det punktet hvor du skurrer av musikken, ødelegger ikke det konsentrasjonen? Leste også noe om at når man er ute av kroppen, må man passe på så ingen "onde" sjeler tar over kroppen din. Tror du på dette? Jeg synes iallfall det høres creepy og skummelt ut!

Reply

Anonym

11.12.2014, kl. 20:58

Woow så kult!!

Reply

Anonym

11.12.2014, kl. 21:01

Huff, høres ut som du har gått inn i en alvorlig psykose 😞

Reply

Change!

11.12.2014, kl. 21:10

Okei, men kan du slutte å skrive om dette spiritisme greiene dine? For noen er det provoserende å lese pga. tro osv. (nå kommer vel "så ikke les bloggen da bitch" kommentarene, men nei...elsker bloggen din og deg som person, men ikke slike innlegg) Føler det bare er spiritisme og dansetrening for tiden...! Pleeeazzee blogg vanlig, og skriv vanlige personlige innlegg om dine erfaringer eller noe som ALLE folk kan kjenne seg gjen i som faktisk har MENING for livet frem i tiden som ikke er av sånn her "hjernen min er i universet" type innlegg, fordi det er bare utrolig kjipt og komme inn til på bloggen hver dag. Konstruktivt ment, føler jeg må si det pga. enkelte folk i kommentarfetlet....:)) Tror nok du har såpass med erfaring at DU sjønner det da, men you know...bare så vi er på den sikre siden, så ELSKER jeg bloggen din, foruten om disse inleggene ;P  
Sånn, da har jeg plastret kommentaren min for hardcore blogger-støttere...

Reply

Andrea

11.12.2014, kl. 21:16

Det er Sophie's blogg. Hun bestemmer seg hva hun skal skrive om. Selvfølgelig alle liker ikke det samme, men jeg liker det hun blogger om veldig godt. Spesielt som dette innlegget.

Reply

Anna

11.12.2014, kl. 21:16

Hvor er skoene fra?:)

Reply

Mari

11.12.2014, kl. 21:24

Er du ikke sammen med Robin lengre? 😞

Reply

Hanna

11.12.2014, kl. 21:25

Eh, nu va du jævla teit "change!". E ikke meningen med bloggen til Sophie at ho ska skriv om det som ho vil? Skjønne at ho må skriv om det som folk vil lese om, men det e jævla bra gjort at ho skriv akkurat det som ho føle! hvis ho bare ska snakke om det samme hele tiden så blir det jævla kjedelig og upersonlig. Æ syns at det her va superinteressant! Kanskje ho treng å få vite om andre sine erfaringer om det som ho går igjennom, og ikke bare at alle andre ska få "hjelp" fra ho?

og provoserende pga. tro? haha! E det provoserende at noen ikke trur på det samme som deg eller? Du virka som et jævla kjedelig menneske ass. Selv om det her gir null mening for deg så gir det masse mening for andre. Kommentaren din va jo ikke konstruktivt overhode, det va bare teit!

Reply

eli

11.12.2014, kl. 21:28

Sophie, kan du ~~vennligst~~ være så snill og skrive litt mer om dette? 🙏 Jeg synes det er kjempe spennende. Noen spørsmål:

- Hvor lenge har du drevet med det?

- Hvor lang tid tok før du først kom ut av din egen kropp?

- Er det sant at man kan reise til f. eks. en venn og se hva hun/han driver med?

Kan man liksom se hva andre i verden gjør eller er man helt alene?

Driver litt med det sånn i smått nå, setter pris på svar! 😊

Reply

Haldis

11.12.2014, kl. 21:29

haha whaaaat:o

Reply

jada

11.12.2014, kl. 21:53

høres helt psyko ut

Reply

Christina

11.12.2014, kl. 22:06

Dere som skriver at hun tar dop, burde gå til legen/legges inn, er psykisk syk osv.. dere er ignorante. Det finnes hundre forskjellige måter å leve livet på. Skal alle i hele verden leve livet slik D U gjør? Er det kun du som lever på riktig måte? Naaaaahh. Vi er alle spirituelle vesener, men ikke alle er klar over det. Våkn opp.

Til sophie : pass deg for det onde mens du er utenfor kroppen din.

Reply

Amalie

11.12.2014, kl. 22:08

Heisann! Kunne du ikke ha skrevet et innlegg om pelsdyrnæringen og om hva som foregår? Det er jo veldig aktuelt nå, og det er nok mange som lurar på hva du tenker om at pelsdyrnæringen kanskje (ENDELIG) blir fjernet fra Norge!! 😊 Klem

Reply

Adele

11.12.2014, kl. 22:09

Jeg har skikkelig troen på at du kan bli noe stort. Hvis du fortsetter den veien du er på nå, og stopper å bry deg om hva andre mener om deg kan du få et så mye bedre liv. Bare tenk på hvor sinnsykt firkanta alle mennesker er, som tenker på utdanning og et arbeidsliv hvor man jobber fra 8-4, drar hjem, spiser middag og ser på TV som den eneste løsningen på livet. Det er så utrolig mange måter å leve på, og så sinnsykt mye mer man kan gjøre med dagene sine! Opplev verden, reis, bli kjent med andre mennesker som ikke ser på livet på samme måte. Vi er naturen, vi er universet som opptrer i menneskeform en liten stund, vi er i ett med alt rundt oss. Har drevet masse med astralreiser selv, og det er virkelig døds kult. Det er en kunst å klare å skille egoet sitt fra kroppen. Du burde lese om egodød, det er noe jeg aldri har opplevd og ikke vet helt om jeg vil oppleve, men det høres hvertfall utrolig ut. Elsker disse innleggene dine, og jeg får så mye respekt. Du har skjont mye som de fleste aldri vil skjønne.

Reply

Anonym

11.12.2014, kl. 22:21

H.E.R.R.E.G.U.D!

NÅ er du ute på bærtur, altså. Du burde virkelig skaffe deg en psykolog snarest. Det høres psykotisk ut, det du skriver om. Enten har du et stort problem, eller så driver du ap med leserne dine. Husk at de er unge, Sofie.

Reply

Change!

11.12.2014, kl. 22:26

Ja, Hanna jeg er desverre kjedelig fordi jeg ikke liker spiritsme <3

Reply

Anonym

11.12.2014, kl. 22:26

Egoet ditt er ikke det samme som kroppen din. Og du er ikke alene om å ha disse tankene. Det er tusenvis av andre mennesker der ute med disse tankene, det gjelder bare å finne dem! Det er ikke rart, det er det mest naturlige i hele verden og det er helt fantastisk. Det kan være ganske vanskelig å oppdage hvordan verden er når man klarer å være 100% objektiv, og det er lett å bli litt deppa og trist av å se hvordan verden er. Det viktigste er å vite at man ikke trenger å være en del av dette livet, dette samfunnet hvis man ikke vil. Alle gjør en forskjell – be the change you want to see in this world. Husker hvertfall at du har snakket om sånne ting før, hvor egoistiske vi mennesker er

osv. For meg for eksempel er det helt sykt å tenke på at så mange mennesker støtter den forferdelige industrien som kjøtt er. Det synes jeg sier litt om hvordan mange av oss ser på verden. Join hippiebevegelsen <3 <3

Reply

e

11.12.2014, kl. 23:04

grunnen til at så mange skriver at dette er helt på bærtur, psykotisk, blablabla osv – er at de ikke er klar over hvor mye annet som finnes der ute i verden, ikke bare verden, men universet! det folk kaller tull og fantasi er jo egentlig for det meste ekte. de er for ignorante til å se det, eller ønsker ikke å se det eller rett og slett ikke har noe kunnskap om det. men noen ord til dere “normale” der ute: wake up! ikke vær redd for å utfordre hjernen og fantasien din, ikke vær redd for å oppdage noe nytt. btw. dette er ikke spiritisme, laaaangt ifra.

Reply

Anonym

11.12.2014, kl. 23:05

Latterlig. Et par innlegg om dette som “selger”, og du tyner det for alt det er verdt. For det første er det bare piss, og for det andre tror du ikke på det selv!

Men som sagt...det “selger” jo. Så da, så...

Reply

Anonym

11.12.2014, kl. 23:15

hadde vert morsomt hvis du hadde byttet kropp med noen da mens du er ute på tur

Reply

Hanna

11.12.2014, kl. 23:22

Hei! Jeg bare lurte på en ting: Siden du er så interessert i dyrens velferd, kunne du ikke da ha skrevet et innlegg om avvikling av pelsdyrnæringen? Er mye debatt for tiden, og siden mange leser bloggen din hadde det betydd mye om du fikk frontet temaet, samt lagt til lenker for underskriftskampanje, dokumentaren og dyrevernalliansen. Så vi kunne fått slutt på pelsnæringen en gang for alle! Det var det jeg ville si, og at jeg elsker bloggen din. Høydepunktet i pausene i eksamenslesingen 😊

Reply

Anonym

11.12.2014, kl. 23:23

Kan du skrive et innlegg om julegave tips til dere jenter? Har null peiling på hva jeg skal kjøpe...

Reply

Anonym

11.12.2014, kl. 23:42

høres egentlig mer ut som lucid dreaming, kan jo hende det er samme greia bare med et annet navn 😊 men der oppnår du hvertfall samme effekt osv ,det er scary men JÆVLIG fett

Reply

Sus

11.12.2014, kl. 23:57

Hadde vært utrolig interessant å høre din mening om pelsdebatten som pågår as we speak! Vet jo va du mener om selve pelsdyrnæringa, men er så spennende å høre fra deg om slike tema alikevel. Og hva synes du om selve konseptet til dokumentaren, og det moralske spørsmålet som har blir reist, i forbindelse med alle løgnene og lureriet frank nervik har bedrevet? Synes det er utrolig bra at det endelig kastes lys på den NORSKE pelsdyrnæringa, og jeg håper hele næringen blir avviklet!

Reply

Karre

12.12.2014, kl. 00:22

Kan du inte skriva ett inlägg med julklappstips? =)

Reply

Anonym

12.12.2014, kl. 02:15

Pliiiiiiis lag et innlegg med litt nøyere step by step detaljer om hvordan klare å oppnå dette!!!!:))

Reply

Christina

12.12.2014, kl. 06:51

Prøvde det isted...greide å starte det 3 ganger men jeg var for redd så jeg vekket meg selv... jaja, imorgen kanskje....

Reply

Rinni

12.12.2014, kl. 07:25

Herregud, astralreiser og UKO (ut av kroppen opplevelser) er da helt vanlig. Har hatt det hele livet tror jeg, men ikke drevet og reist sånn da. Det finnes mange bøker om det, og dere som ikke tror på det går bare google det:)

Reply

VER

12.12.2014, kl. 07:32

Til de som lurar på hvor støvlettene er fra;

<http://nelly.com/no/kl%C3%A6r-til-kvinner/sko/hverdagssko/nly-shoes-427/flat-over-knee-boot-428761-14/>

De er utsolgt nå da.. Disse har ho blogget om før.

Reply

:)

12.12.2014, kl. 07:44

Kjempespennende Sofie! Ikke bry deg om kritiske kommentarer. Når vi blir født er vi åpne for alt, men etterhvert som vi blir eldre, lukker oss og blir formet av samfunnet. Jeg anbefaler boka "En ny jord" av Echart Tolle. Han har vært på blant annet Oprah...eller søk på Teal Swan på youtube:)

Reply

Silje

12.12.2014, kl. 09:35

merkelig at du som før i tiden brydde deg så mye om dyrevern ikke har skrevet et innlegg angående alt nå for tiden.. etter du flyttet til Oslo virker det som du mistet alt fokuset du hadde for alt som ikke har med deg personlig å gjøre.. sier ikke at du ikke bryr deg om det lengere, men det vises i såfall ikke på bloggen

Reply

Sara

12.12.2014, kl. 11:17

Du skrev tidligere at det var en ukjent dame som stirret på deg mens du var ute av kroppen. Får det deg ikke til å føle deg redd og ukomfortabel? Jeg har ønsket å prøve OOBÉ lenge, men det er nettopp slike historier om mørke "ting" som stanser meg i å prøve det.

Reply

Julie

12.12.2014, kl. 11:35

Jeg har prøvd dette før, men aldri fått det til. Husker at jeg lastet ned et program for lenge siden med forskjellige lyder som skal stimulere deler av hjernen din så du opplever forskjellige ting. Har hørt historier om en mann som drepte seg selv siden han møtte Gud i en sånn lucid dream og Gud hadde fortalt

han at han kom til å få det bedre om han kom opp til himmelen også. Har også hørt om folk som har fått så kraftige mareritt at de har blitt mentalt forstyrret for resten av sitte liv.  
Jeg har aldri klart å oppnå denne ut av kroppen-opplevelsen, så det er vel ikke alle som klarer det.

### Reply

Anna

12.12.2014, kl. 13:07

Så spennende! Dette må du blogge mer om! Jeg lurer bare på hvordan du vokner igjen. Må du finne tilbake til kroppen din liksom, eller kan du vokne når du vil?

### Reply

Irritert

12.12.2014, kl. 13:25

Tror du vi er dum? Vi skjønner at du nok en gang har blitt singel igjen så du kan bare si det...!

### Reply

NYHET  NYHET  NYHET 

12.12.2014, kl. 13:30

[illegible]

NYHET       "Siste gangen jeg var med sophie for denne gang\* skrev han å la ut et uredigert bilde av henne      

### Reply

ida

12.12.2014, kl. 13:48

Hei, det finnes en skrekkfilm, som handler om det å dra ut av kroppen som det du gjør. "Insidious", og er du ekstra nyskjerrig kan du se etterfølgeren.

### Reply

Hanna

12.12.2014, kl. 13:50

Julie!:) hvis han døde, kordan kan du vite om historien hannes da? 😊

## Reply

Anonym

12.12.2014, kl. 15:05

nå som pelśdyrdebatten er ordentlig i gang, kan du lage et innlegg om det? det hadde hjulpet veldig. du er så flink til å skrive:))

### Reply

Anna

12.12.2014, kl. 15:06

Ett vanligt misstag som många gör när de ska gå ner i vikt är att man endast tänker på sina kostvanor och skippar träningen.

Oftast krävs det mer än bara ändrade matvanor för att lyckas.

Läs min blogg <http://www.superwoman.n.nu/> för att ta reda på hur du kan Optimera din fettförbränning och gå ner i vikt!

### Reply

Anonym

12.12.2014, kl. 15:50

Syns det er trist du ikke gir en stemme for dyrene nå - oppi all denne debatten rundt pelsindustri i Norge.

Du som elsker dem så stort og har stor påvirkning på norsk jente og mote!!!!

Vær så snill! Det er nå vi kan få vekk den stygge pelsindustrien i Norge!

Jeg krysser fingrene og HÅPER du gjør/skriver noe om dette.

Klem

### Reply



H

12.12.2014, kl. 16:47

Visst du bestiller nilens jord produkter på nett, hvor bestiller du di? Er på jakt etter den burgunderrøde leppestiften du brukte tidligere i uken, men bor der di ikkje selger nilens jord produkter

Reply

sophieelise

12.12.2014, kl. 16:53

H: Jeg bestilte ikke leppestiften jeg bruker nå, den er fra en neglesalong. Men de skal ha nilens jord på makestyle:)

Reply

sophieelise

12.12.2014, kl. 16:55

Anna: Jeg våkner når jeg vil, men det kan være litt vanskelig og føles som om jeg "dør" når jeg holder på å våkne, at jeg mister pusten og det prikker noe jævlig i hodet. Men man kommer seg tilbake 😊

Reply

sophieelise

12.12.2014, kl. 16:56

Sara: Nei jeg blir ikke urolig før hun går opp i leiligheten til den "sovende" meg.

Reply

Hjerterdame

12.12.2014, kl. 17:58

Dere som bruker ordet "psykotisk"... Look it up before you use it, peeps...! Er forresten dritt lei hele heiagjengen til Sophie. "La henne være i fred", "Slutt å vær så slemme" blablabla. Akkurat som at folk må få lov å si "skriv mer om dette", må vi og få lov å si "skriv mindre om dette". Sophie er stor jente og kan passe på seg selv uten at en haug med såvidt begynte tenåringer skal måtte prøve å forsvare ho. Hjelpes... Ytringsfrihet til folket, ja!!!

Reply

Nina

12.12.2014, kl. 19:12

Så akkurat intervjuet ditt, og det du tar opp med "overgrep" er så utrolig viktig og jeg kjenner meg GODT igjen. Det er vanskelig å definere hvor grensen går med overgrep (og Morten forstod kanskje ikke helt hva du mente..?) men det er ihvertfall viktig, og fint å høre at andre har følt på det samme presset når man er ung og ikke helt har funnet seg selv. Mange sier nok ja fordi de vil bli likt og trenger anerkjennelse.

Reply

linn herese

12.12.2014, kl. 19:20

jeg kjenner meg veldig godt igjen av masse av de du pratet om blandt annet sex for å bli bekreftet , samme type overgrep som deg har jeg blitt utsatt for da jeg var 15, har også hatt de ganske likt som deg på ungdoms skolen uten venner og siste valgt i klassen. jeg ser veldig mye av meg selv i deg ,de er derfor jeg liker bloggen din så godt, stå på videre!

Reply

Anonym

12.12.2014, kl. 19:28

Svar meg helt ærlig sohie, har du tatt enda flere injeksjoner i kinn/panne du nå? Ingenting negativt, men du ser svært anderledes ut

Reply

Amanda

12.12.2014, kl. 20:29

Jeg så nettopp intervjuet på VGTV, og jeg vil bare si tusen takk for den

personen du er. At du åpner deg sånn og deler så masse, og at du virker så ekte er så utrolig positivt, og jeg tror det er mange som er takknemlig for det. Det er ikke mange bloggere som faktisk åpner seg sånn i et intervju til og med! Du sier så masse klokt og reflektert, og du virker som en utrolig bra person med mye bra og reflekterte tanker. Tusen takk for at du er deg!

Reply

Christoffer Rønaasen

14.12.2014, kl. 03:37

Hallo igjen! Hadde faktisk ikke forventet at du ville lese kommentaren min, ettersom jeg trodde du ikke var interessert. Ser frem til å høre mer om dette, og kanskje du etterhvert klarer komplett Projection. Altså, du skjønner at du klarer det når du hører drithøye lyder, og så ikke engang vet at du er ute av kroppen før du faktisk ser den. Kos deg! 😊

Reply

Christoffer Rønaasen

14.12.2014, kl. 04:21

Føler forresten jeg burde legge til en til ting:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/volam07vweichlc/Astral-Projection-A-Complete-Guide.pdf?dl=0>

For dere som virkelig vil lære, er dette en god kilde. Også, søk opp Ryan Cropper på Youtube. Har hatt noen samtaler med ham, og han burde være istand til å hjelpe.

Og når det gjelder lavere "plan", trenger dere ikke bekymre dere. Man kommer bare dit man forventer å komme. Jo høyere opp, jo bedre. Alt går i frekvenser. 😊

Reply

Evaa

15.12.2014, kl. 03:40

Åhh, digget støvlene. Hvor er de fra? =)

Reply

Julie

15.12.2014, kl. 08:36

til Hanna som kommenterte min kommentar tidligere om en mann som hadde tatt sitt eget liv etter lucid dreaming. Jeg håper for din egen del at du ikke er så mentalt tilbakestående. "hvis han døde, kordan kan du vite om historien hennes da? :P" haha er det mulig å vær så dum, jeg blir flau. Har du noen gang hørt om at andre kan fortelle en hendelse videre selv om personen er død? Hitler tok også sitt eget liv, men oi, vi vet jo fortsatt masse om andre verdenskrig?! Hvordan er det mulig når han tok sitt eget liv? Nei, det var merkelig du! Hahahaha, idiot

Reply

Susanne

15.12.2014, kl. 09:19

Det er synd ikke alle forstår dette, og tror det er tull. Det sier bare hvor GOD regjeringen er til å holde dette skjult for oss, og fortsette å få oss til å te på tv, så vi slipper å tenke selv. Mange vet at det er mulig å gå ut av kroppen sin, så hvorfor blir ikke dette snakket om? Hvorfor er alt som ikke burde være, tabu??? Du som er så god på dette med lucid dreaming/astral projection kan (selv om du selv ikke er heeelt der) snakke med engler og få svar på ting du enn måtte lure på. Åh, jeg er så takknemlig for at du har begynt å våkne litt, vi trenger flere av dere, og for du som er så populær, kommer nok flere av de yngre til å lure og praktisere dette, og det er så GENIAAAALT 😊

Reply

sophieelise

15.12.2014, kl. 18:39

Susanne: Nå vet jeg også definitivt at det er mulig å gå ut av kroppen sin, det går ikke en kveld uten at jeg nesten klarer det, og ofte klarer jeg det helt. 😊

Reply  
Cassandra Lysgård  
16.12.2014, kl. 11:09  
Så artig da! 😊

Reply  
stinenikoline  
18.12.2014, kl. 18:39  
hei jeg syntes du er ei veldig positiv jente og har fine klær og du er veldig naturlig du skal bare ikke bry deg om de som skriver frekke og voldsomme kommentarer for inni deg tror jeg du vet at du er en hærilig persjon HILSEN MEG

Reply  
Karres blogg om handpenning  
08.01.2015, kl. 07:57  
Din blogg är så himla rolig att följa och du skriver så himla bra nu för tiden! 😊

Reply  
sophieelise  
08.01.2015, kl. 09:00  
Karres blogg om handpenning: tusen takk 🙏 <3

Reply  
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Succubus General 20 Anonymous Wed 18 Sep 2019 19:13:55 No.23420595

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>>23465259 >>23472071

Let's continue edition

Previous thread: <https://archived.moe/x/thread/23382336>

>Older threads and other relevant links

<https://pastebin.com/6tgnN8Us>

Letter Method:

<https://succubuslove.wordpress.com/2014/10/19/summoning-a-succubus-the-letter-method-revised/>

Dreamgasm videos:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jK13\\_DlgFNo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jK13_DlgFNo)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HcTJfg4KX8U>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x6SpXNDSkSo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3GfZDed1do>

<http://pornscum.com/video/12231/dreamgasm-5-binaural-beats-asmr-erotic-hypnosis>

Alternative video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqujB9fulXw>

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Anonymous Wed 18 Sep 2019 19:16:00 No.23420609 Report

Quoted By: >>23420625 >>23420684 >>23421002 >>23424170

It's kind of funny to imagine you guys creating an imaginary friend, convincing yourself it is real and having sex with it. It's like a self-fuck just more gay.

Anonymous Wed 18 Sep 2019 19:19:15 No.23420625 Report

Quoted By: >>23420674

>>23420609

you must be confused

the tulpa subredd it is this way: >>>/o/ut

Anonymous Wed 18 Sep 2019 19:30:09 No.23420674 Report

Quoted By: >>23421002 >>23427422

>>23420625

A succubus is basically just a tulpa. A manifestation of your subconscious that you use to cope with loneliness and lack of intimacy. There is no proof indicating otherwise. If they were real and existed as individuals, then it could be easily proven, which would be in their interest because they want to share their gifts with as many people as possible. According to the lore, at least.

Anonymous Wed 18 Sep 2019 19:33:58 No.23420684 Report

>>23420609

this is just the lonely schitzo general

Anonymous Wed 18 Sep 2019 20:09:50 No.23420856 Report

Quoted By: >>23420991 >>23427422 >>23428448

How does this general exist and not have Elena's files in the pasta?

Anonymous Wed 18 Sep 2019 20:30:54 No.23420991 Report

>>23420856

Provide them and they can be added if relevant

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Anonymous Wed 18 Sep 2019 20:33:13 No.23421002 Report

Quoted By: >>23421014 >>23421037 >>23460951

>>23420674

>There is no proof

Good. Now get out.

>>23420609

This is a gay thread.

Anonymous Wed 18 Sep 2019 20:34:44 No.23421014 Report

Quoted By: >>23421037 >>23424183 >>23427422

>>23421002

My succ told my she could pleasure me more if I had a clit

T !CkVRGtgYP6 Wed 18 Sep 2019 20:38:13 No.23421037 Report

Quoted By: >>23421161

>>23421002

>>23421014

I like you guys

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!.0B04lolis Wed 18 Sep 2019 21:00:35 No.23421142 Report

Anonymous Wed 18 Sep 2019 21:03:07 No.23421161 Report

Quoted By: >>23421192

>>23421037

She reciprocates your compliment

T !CkVRGtgYP6 Wed 18 Sep 2019 21:07:42 No.23421192 Report

Quoted By: >>23421247

>>23421161

Shes my mom.

Im just unsure.

Body is sad.

Anonymous Wed 18 Sep 2019 21:16:53 No.23421247 Report

Quoted By: >>23421300 >>23421367

>>23421192

She wants you to know that Winchester is the least of your worries

Anonymous Wed 18 Sep 2019 21:26:25 No.23421300 Report

>>23421247

That's good confirmation, I always knew Remington was the more pressing worry

T !CkVRGtgYP6 Wed 18 Sep 2019 21:35:27 No.23421367 Report

Quoted By: >>23421380

>>23421247

Then who is the opposite of Winchester

Anonymous Wed 18 Sep 2019 21:37:14 No.23421380 Report

Quoted By: >>23421426

>>23421367

Crowley

T !CkVRGtgYP6 Wed 18 Sep 2019 21:45:45 No.23421426 Report

>>23421380

Oh, so mind.

Anonymous Wed 18 Sep 2019 22:17:05 No.23421559 Report

Quoted By: >>23421826 >>23450931

Reminder to love your succubus so she can love you back.

Anonymous Wed 18 Sep 2019 23:17:28 No.23421826 Report

Quoted By: >>23423562

>>23421559

Gay

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 00:04:49 No.23422028 Report

Quoted By: >>23423341 >>23427422

why all this hate about tulpas?

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 03:02:27 No.23422714 Report

Quoted By: >>23423288

I think I got a small response a couple of days ago, I heard a female voice saying something but I couldn't understand what she said because it was like she was whispering something

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 06:35:01 No.23423288 Report  
>>23422714

Did you try things like "touch X for yes, Y for no"?  
Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 06:46:17 No.23423341 Report

>>23422028

Because this isn't a tulpa thread.

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 07:40:41 No.23423562 Report  
>>23421826

If you're into that sort of thing, that option is available. Sex spirits are flexible like that.

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 08:35:29 No.23423747 Report  
>>23420308

Not sure. If they keep coming to you with such frequency maybe they'll notice the note and read it? Especially if it's right above your head on the wall, and it's something you put there specifically for them? Intent matters in things, and maybe that just might work.

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Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 09:55:43 No.23424146 Report  
Quoted By: >>23424174

Daily reminder let your beloved lady know how much you love her back :3

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 09:59:22 No.23424170 Report  
>>23420609

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Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 09:59:49 No.23424174 Report  
>>23424146

This, this, this!

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 10:01:34 No.23424183 Report  
>>23421014

Biologically speaking, that's true.

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 10:45:10 No.23424443 Report  
Quoted By: >>23424493 >>23424762 >>23425072 >>23438617

>another night where I don't even remember what I dreamed of

FUCK FUCK FUCK

I wanna interact with my succ and see her in my dreams, not hit the hay and wake up the next morning as if I skipped twelve hours of my life.

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Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 10:55:23 No.23424493 Report  
Quoted By: >>23438617

>>23424443

I know anon, at least you don't block yourself in the few dreams where you do see her

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 11:31:38 No.23424762 Report  
Quoted By: >>23425072 >>23427422 >>23438617

>>23424443

Same thing with me dude. How do we improve dream recall?

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 12:45:42 No.23425072 Report  
Quoted By: >>23425823

>>23424443

>>23424762

Switching to a polyphasic sleeping pattern helped me immensely with dream recall AND cut down on the amount of time wasted each night.

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Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 14:33:06 No.23425571 Report

Quoted By: >>23426737 >>23426816 >>23427253 >>23427422

Those of you who have succubi, mind telling what kind of personality they have?  
Interested to know how they vary.

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 15:26:03 No.23425823 Report

Quoted By: >>23426961

>>23425072

>polyphasic

Explain?

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 18:13:44 No.23426737 Report

Quoted By: >>23426816

>>23425571

I can't tell at the moment, I haven't meditated enough on them despite knowing for sure they are here with me.

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 18:30:42 No.23426816 Report

>>23425571

Same as this guy >>23426737

Cannot pick up emotions or thoughts or images from mine yet, cannot remember having a dream with mine except only one time, and cannot clear my mind well at all for void meditation shit. I am 90% sure they love me though.

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Menopausal sleep is a type of sleep that is characterized by a decrease in the amount of sleep you get.

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 19:05:55 No.23426961 Report

Quoted By: >>23427151

>>23425823

Once you get used to doing these short naps, you pretty much go straight to dreaming as soon as your head hits the pillow and you naturally wake up as soon as the dream cycle ends.

Lie still and keep your eyes closed while trying to remember as much as you can about the dream, then immediately write as much of it down when you get up.

Doing this regularly will vastly improve your dream recall.

By using one of these polyphasic sleep patterns you gain more waking hours per day but you also practice your dream recall multiple times a day from each nap, instead of once a day per main sleep which usually disturbs your chance to properly recall due to an alarm clock etc. Since most people typically only remember the last dream before they wake up if the sleep is undisturbed. Hope i made that clear enough, im not very good at explaining things.

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 19:51:17 No.23427151 Report

Quoted By: >>23429686

>>23426961

Holy shit that's so cool yet so fucking impractical at the same time. No fucking way I can pull that off with my current living situation. Ah well.

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 20:16:36 No.23427253 Report

Quoted By: >>23427290

>>23425571

How do I put it, she is always joking about a lot of things and as a result I'm always smiling because of her, she's very lovely and cares about me so much, I really really really love her so much.

In fact Lily from that manga reminds me of her a lot.

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 20:23:58 No.23427290 Report

Quoted By: >>23427369

>>23427253

That's so cute and lucky of you! I can't tell mine yet, only thing I know is they have been respectful to me so atleast got that going for me, otherwise pretty quiet so far.

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 20:40:11 No.23427369 Report

Quoted By: >>23427596

>>23427290

I hope you can talk to her soon, they are wonderful beings on their own.

I was able to talk to her telepathically 2 days after I met her because she told me she was around me for 8 months and she used that time to stablsh connections without me noticing, just be patient and you'll be able to talk to her before you notice, I'm sure she is doing something on her part to accelerate the process.

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 20:53:07 No.23427422 Report

>>23420674

lol

>>23420856

because they are bullshit its simple

>>23421014

and we found the liar

>>23422028

because they gave up on succubus dont exist so now they jump into the tulpa

>>23424762

write down every dream eventually your brain will learn

>>23425571

they are all dominant by nature the rest of their traits are just as diverse as any human

Anonymous Thu 19 Sep 2019 21:28:17 No.23427596 Report

>>23427369

Thanks man, I'll be waiting one way or another, already got a taste and can't wait

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 00:10:03 No.23428448 Report

Quoted By: >>23429117

>>23420856

the what now?

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 02:52:25 No.23429117 Report

>>23428448

Its just another shitty erotic hypnotist but she thinks she is a succubus.

Atleast its a step up from the countless others that think they are goddesses.

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 04:42:29 No.23429686 Report

Quoted By: >>23430348 >>23430356 >>23430554

>>23427151

Even one nap sometime per day would help alot. It will just take you abit longer to get the hang of it, you dont want to oversleep. I recommend setting an alarm to go off 30 minutes after you lie down.

Initially you might take awhile to actually fall asleep, and your rem cycle wont start straight away so your alarm with probably interrupt it. But after awhile you'll fall asleep faster, start dreaming sooner and wake up on your own everytime, before you alarm goes off. At which point you can get rid of the alarm 'crutch' and will have as much time as you need when you wake up to practice recalling.

I started off with a single nap and added extra naps as i got the hang of it, settled on the everyman3, which i have been doing since 2012.

Honestly, my theory is that this polyphasic sleep was originally the standard. Along came civilisation and we stopped napping in the day to get more done in daylight without interruption while sleeping away the useless dark nights. Now civilisation is stuck in this monophasic standard when we should probably have reverted back once we got widespread electric lighting.

Sorry for getting abit off topic, i dont mean to derail the thread.

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 06:37:37 No.23430348 Report

>>23429686

I think Siesta into Everyman 1 is going to be what I'll do, if I ever decide to try this.

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 06:39:07 No.23430356 Report

>>23429686

Also don't fucking feel bad about derailing the thread. This stuff is still interesting and I never heard of it until now. It might help everybody here who have spirit ladies and cannot astral out of their bodies, like me. My hope is that if I can actually recall dreams consistently, then I can work towards lucid dreaming or having my own spirit lady help me out by entering my dream, or something like that.

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Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 06:52:43 No.23430423 Report

Quoted By: >>23430554 >>23431026

isn't it cute when your likes and dislikes match hers? It was just raining, my lady loves rain and so do I. Nothing quite matches the wholesomeness of spending



some time with your succ just enjoying the sound of rain and the suddenly not so cold atmosphere ^.\*

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 07:21:35 No.23430554 Report

Quoted By: >>23430889

>>23429686

This is interesting as hell and am definetly gonna try to switch around my sleep schedule as soon as my lifestyle allows.

Thanks for the info. I have questioned a lot of things, but never how many sleeping sessions one would have.

Shows that the most basic things that we take for granted can be extremely inefficient, if not downright harmful.

>>23430423

>^.\*

It was all good till this part.

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 08:32:28 No.23430889 Report

>>23430554

aw come on, let a man have his fun.

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Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 09:00:42 No.23431026 Report

Quoted By: >>23431250

>>23430423

That's the best, hope mine is just as similar to my tastes, though I guess they would be if they like your energy?

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 09:25:02 No.23431161 Report

Quoted By: >>23431182 >>23431192

do all your succubuses steal your energy by their sexual acts? might be something theyre hiding from you. would that stop you?

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 09:27:52 No.23431182 Report

>>23431161

They don't steal the energy, you give it to them. Its not a finite source, you produce more.

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 09:28:59 No.23431192 Report

>>23431161

Would that stop me? Well if it was fucking me over then yes it would, but if I could talk to them to make it less hard since I'm getting something out of it then I don't see the issue, I'm sure most aren't unreasonable.

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Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 09:37:44 No.23431250 Report

Quoted By: >>23431284

>>23431026

Not going to lie man, I have no clue but i'd guess it would work in that way, provided that you have to click per se just to start a relationship with one.

From what I got, there's a higher reason apart from the whole biological nature for us liking what we like, especially when it comes to weather phenomena.

Higher as in, probably something psychological like repressed emotions, no "muh higher self" stuff. From her perspective, the answer to your question is "kind of", nothing helpful really.

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Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 09:38:34 No.23431257 Report

Quoted By: >>23431265 >>23435111

>not astral projecting to fuck your succ's brains out

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Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 09:39:27 No.23431265 Report

Quoted By: >>23431273

>>23431257

I'm trying okay, got so close last night but your heart HAS to beat stupidly fast breaking the vibe.

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Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 09:40:14 No.23431273 Report

Quoted By: >>23431308

>>23431265

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Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 09:41:03 No.23431284 Report

>>23431250

Fair enough I guess

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Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 09:43:33 No.23431308 Report

Quoted By: >>23431315

>>23431273

I'm trying okay, I'm getting there but it's a sticky situation -.-

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Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 09:44:21 No.23431315 Report

Quoted By: >>23431336

>>23431308

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View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace beliagn\_\_the\_bard\_by\_big0bear.jpg, 188KiB, 900x819

The image is a digital artwork that depicts a scene with multiple figures, predominantly in dark colors, set against a backdrop of what appears to be a forest or wooded area. The figures are dressed in various styles of clothing, including robes, capes, and cloaks, suggesting a fantasy or supernatural theme. In the foreground, there is a figure with a prominent, muscular build, wearing a dark robe and a cape, holding a staff or wand. This figure is facing the viewer, and the posture suggests a stance of authority or combat readiness.

In the background, there are other figures, some of whom are also holding staffs or wands, indicating a group or a coordinated action. The figures are dressed in similar dark robes and capes, and their positions and postures suggest they are engaged in a coordinated movement or ritual.

The overall color palette is dark, with shades of brown, black, and red dominating the scene. The lighting appears to be soft and diffused, casting a dramatic effect on the figures and the surrounding environment.

There are no discernible texts or logos in the image, and the style of the artwork is reminiscent of fantasy or supernatural genres, with a focus on the interaction between the figures and the environment. The artwork does not provide any explicit information about the characters' identities or the specific context of the scene.

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 09:46:48 No.23431336 Report

Quoted By: >>23445755

>>23431315

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 10:31:06 No.23431644 Report

Quoted By: >>23431695 >>23431750 >>23432165

This is one of the fucking saddest threads i've read in a while, how the fuck do you guys even manage to create a succubus ? Sounds like you're basically fucking yourself.

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 10:38:19 No.23431695 Report

>>23431644

'kay

thanks for your excellent contribution to the thread

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 10:45:39 No.23431750 Report

>>23431644

The whole point of this is we aren't making any, we "summon" them and if shit starts happening to you that you don't control then you succeeded, and if nothing happens to you then well feel free to be unconvinced

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Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 11:30:57 No.23432087 Report

Quoted By: >>23432226

how about that demon cunny baka

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 11:40:26 No.23432165 Report

>>23431644

if you think we are deluded, leave us to be deluded in peace please

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Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 11:50:15 No.23432226 Report

Quoted By: >>23432341 >>23432729

>>23432087

Not had any in a while, working on it babes

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The image is a humorous meme featuring a gecko and a small toy lizard. The gecko, with its yellow and brown spotted pattern, is positioned on the left side of the image, looking up with a smile. Its eyes are closed, and its mouth is slightly open, giving it a friendly and approachable expression. The toy lizard, which is yellow with black spots, is on the right side of the image. It is also looking up, with its eyes closed and its mouth slightly open, mirroring the gecko's expression. The toy lizard is smaller in size compared to the gecko. Above the image, there is a text that reads "You may talk with me and my son whenever you wish," which is a playful and humorous take on the idea of a parent-child relationship. The text is in a bold, black font that stands out against the lighter background of the image. The overall style of the image is lighthearted and whimsical, with a focus on the playful interaction between the gecko and the toy lizard.

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 12:10:20 No.23432341 Report

Quoted By: >>23432365

>>23432226

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Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 12:13:01 No.23432365 Report

Quoted By: >>23432372

>>23432341

I'm trying, not all of us can be as pro and experienced as you :(

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The image is a black and white photograph featuring a man with a beard and a skull-shaped headband. The man's facial expression is neutral, and he is smiling slightly. The skull headband has a skull design on it, and the man's hair is styled in a manner that suggests it is combed back. The background is a solid gray color, which contrasts with the man's skin tone and hair color, making the subject stand out. There are no visible texts or additional objects in the image. The style of the image is realistic, with a focus on the man's facial features and the skull headband.

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 12:13:54 No.23432372 Report

>>23432365

get

good

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Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 12:17:07 No.23432393 Report

Quoted By: >>23432428

You guys wasted all this time on trying to summon a succubus, just marry a filipina like I did. She'll suck all the cum out of your dick and dollar bills from your wallet.

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Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 12:22:28 No.23432428 Report

Quoted By: >>23432457

>>23432393

The whole point is to not get your dollars sucked though bro

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Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 12:26:21 No.23432457 Report

Quoted By: >>23432729

>>23432428

speaking of,  
get good

T !CkVRGtgYP6 Fri 20 Sep 2019 13:05:19 No.23432729 Report

>>23432226

>>23432457

I'm a fucking sucker for these.

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 13:41:14 No.23432949 Report

Quoted By: >>23440204

I know some of you do stuff with your succ together, but does anyone masterbate to their succ? If so do they join in and/or care/like it?

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 15:44:06 No.23433602 Report

Quoted By: >>23433614 >>23433729 >>23440204

I'm in this weird position where I don't know if it's working and it's real, or it's a meme and i'm wasting my time (which makes me feel like a retard).

I did the letter method, and since then nothing has changed much except my dreams always involve a girl in some way. Only thing is, it's never sexual. We're either fucking around doing stupid dream scenario shit, or we're just talking about dream scenario shit.

Does this even sound like something a succ would do? Or have I just been thinking too much about it, causing me to dream about girls in general?

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 15:46:07 No.23433614 Report

>>23433602

Mine are never sexual but I know it is them, and we either mess about or do nothing so idk mna

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 16:10:08 No.23433729 Report

Quoted By: >>23433998

>>23433602

Why not ask them yourself, if you get plenty of those that you can remember?

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 17:05:51 No.23433998 Report

Quoted By: >>23434854

>>23433729

How would I go about that? I'm pretty new to all this shit so I have no idea what i'm doing really.

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 17:22:18 No.23434064 Report

Quoted By: >>23434122

so, how do I actually summon a succubus?

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 17:31:49 No.23434122 Report

>>23434064

Do letter method, literally at the top

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 17:40:15 No.23434156 Report

Quoted By: >>23434180 >>23434216 >>23434921 >>23440204

I swear you people have no idea. These methods are pure shite.

If you want to summon a succubus just jerk off and call her 7 times with cum on your hands and or face.

something like "I wish to offer myself to you succubus, I call you willingly, I offer my sperm, my soul, my lifeforce" and repeat 7 times. You'll feel it alright.

Also understand that it's not a trivial thing you morons.

You didn't MAKE this body, it was gifted to you by someone much more powerful than you for a reason, you're supposed to breed human females, struggle to get them, not give up and go fuck a demon.

That is why you were made, you're not just a random thing. There's a reason your unfuckable, you need to better yourself or die trying.

If you give yourself unearned sexual pleasure you will owe the one that made this body and gave it to you. And they don't take cash.

Pleasure can only be repaid in pain. Gotta balance those scales. Consider yourself warned.

Eat too much -> get fat -> suffer

Drink too much -> get sick -> suffer

Get too much orgasm from succy -> get dead -> wake up in next life as a pig in a very cruel farm. Enjoy.

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 17:46:06 No.23434180 Report

Quoted By: >>23434216 >>23434241 >>23434933 >>23438089 >>23440204

>>23434156

AND

if by any miracle your actually get a real one, not a tulpa like one like 99% of the guys who succeed and die a few years later of a nasty disease you'll be take to their dimension. That's not a fucking picknic either, I've actually SEEN it. They will fuck you all day long, until your cock is bleeding, until they fuck it to a nub like a used pencil, then they'll install a new one and repeat, over and over and over.

Until you're like them, incapable of distinguishing between pleasure and pain, just addicted to sensation in all its forms. Then you're really really fucked. Because without fear of pain you can't grow no more. Your soul can't progress, there's no stick to beat you back on track.

You soul stays at that level for eternity. You never move past the flesh, not EVER.

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Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 17:54:07 No.23434216 Report

>>23434156

>>23434180

funny laughed

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 17:58:14 No.23434241 Report

Quoted By: >>23434272

>>23434180

the flesh is currently the most advanced design of inteligent life form in the current known universe, I don't see your point anon

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 18:03:28 No.23434272 Report

>>23434241

And who the fuck you think designed it

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 19:21:35 No.23434854 Report

Quoted By: >>23435454

>>23433998

Maybe prime yourself to remember it going into the dream? Attempt lucidity?

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 19:32:39 No.23434921 Report

>>23434156

Ok Clive Barker

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 19:34:42 No.23434933 Report

>>23434180

I too enjoyed the first few Hellraiser films.

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Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 20:02:39 No.23435111 Report

>>23431257

Captain Crunch for Christmas?

Shit. And I thought I was poor.

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 21:06:27 No.23435414 Report

Quoted By: >>23435598 >>23437346

>>23420595

Any other dreamgasm videos? These don't do much for me.

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 21:13:55 No.23435454 Report

Quoted By: >>23435972

>>23434854

I mean I guess I can try that, but if it was just my random dream instead of a real succ, wouldn't it just say what I would imagine a succ would say? How would I tell the difference?

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 21:16:31 No.23435473 Report

Quoted By: >>23436967

my big titty goth gf loves role playing as a succubus for me

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 21:45:38 No.23435598 Report

>>23435414

other than what is listed in OP then nah

Anonymous Fri 20 Sep 2019 22:58:53 No.23435972 Report

Quoted By: >>23437090

>>23435454

Dude just figure something out. Get creative with solutions.

Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 03:29:52 No.23436967 Report

>>23435473

That's cool bud

Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 03:39:32 No.23436992 Report

I had a succubus at one point. What's the point? All they do is pervert your thought. They are seemingly innocuous and can make you think you feel better. I do not know how much they drain you, but I think it's in a way, whatever you give them. Individual cases vary though.

It's about power and perversion and you all know it. A psychosexual connection to a spirit who does not have your best interest in heart. Do not be deceived. You are jerking off mentally and literally to your own delusions. I'm just posting this so you don't get trapped. Do what you will. You have been warned in informed if you thought you could eat this honeyed lie

Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 04:14:07 No.23437090 Report

Quoted By: >>23437535 >>23438302

>>23435972

A simple "I have no fucking idea, I just prefer to believe they exist" would have sufficed, curb the fucking attitude.

Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 05:48:17 No.23437346 Report

>>23435414

creator died with 6 on the verge of release... im guessing it was either really good or really, REALLY bad

Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 06:58:00 No.23437535 Report

Quoted By: >>23438077

>>23437090

Wow. Temper temper.

Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 09:33:51 No.23438077 Report

>>23437535

Mr. Dre? Mr. N.W.A.?

Mr. AK comin' straight outta Compton y'all better make way?

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Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 09:37:01 No.23438089 Report

>>23434180

ok retard

Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 10:30:30 No.23438302 Report

>>23437090

I meant "figure something out" as in "try to devise a way to make yourself trigger the memory of asking them if they are a real succ". I did not have any attitude in my post; that is something you are projecting, as they say.

Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 11:30:18 No.23438617 Report

>>23424443

>>23424493

>>23424762

You need semen, so stop jerking off. Havent fapped in 1month+

I didnt believe in any of this until recently.about 2 week ago I started noticing an entity in my dreams trying to have sex with me constantly. I would have a dream about running from a train and an epic adventure and some how like almost perpendicular dream intersects and im having sex. Oddly enough I have been able to tell I'm dreaming and thus stop the act. The fact that I can tell is odd in its own and I remember the dream quite clearly. Then this "succubus" started creeping up in my conscious brain. I notice it somehow like waiting for me to goto sleep.

It's real yo

Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 11:43:50 No.23438696 Report

Quoted By: >>23440033

Would anyone be willing to download and compile all the dreamgasms into a folder on mega?

Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 13:24:40 No.23439312 Report

Quoted By: >>23439352

tfw took a nap and saw her in my dreams naked, looking back at me with a pained expression and a pout. How do you guys deal with your lady when she's not doing so well? Being Saturday, i spent quite some time with her earlier, trying to make her feel happy and cared about. I don't (want to) think I did anything that'd sadden her, going by the fact that she hasn't been ignoring me when I offered to be there with her till she calmed down. Do you think offering her something again would be considered rude or something?

Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 13:34:11 No.23439352 Report

>>23439312

I feel like being open is the best thing. If you are worried you did something that made her sad, but you don't know what exactly it was and she cannot tell you or convey it in a comprehensible manner to you (yet), then just say so and apologize. I don't think this sort of mental disconnect can be remedied in any decent manner except through connection being strengthened over time. Your relationship is up to you, dude.

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Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 13:39:14 No.23439375 Report

my succubus has a bigger penis than yours

Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 15:34:01 No.23440033 Report

>>23438696

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/wfos92wm6r320hk/AAB5Iktrdnxsa-EJC1j5excAa?dl=0>

I didn't upload this one but I downloaded the videos from here a long time ago, I hope it helps.

Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 16:09:25 No.23440204 Report

Quoted By: >>23441106

>>23432949

you dont really have the need to do this

>>23433602

i mean yes succubi are sexual yes they fuck a lot but that isnt the only thing they do

>>23434156

>>23434180

lol

Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 19:07:55 No.23441106 Report

>>23440204

Don't really have to do it? Alright thanks man

Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 21:08:55 No.23441634 Report

Quoted By: >>23442608 >>23442952

If I listen to a dreamgasm video, am I basically summoning a succubus?

Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 23:23:14 No.23442363 Report

Quoted By: >>23442369 >>23445323

don't die

Anonymous Sat 21 Sep 2019 23:24:46 No.23442369 Report

>>23442363

You can't stop me

Anonymous Sun 22 Sep 2019 00:31:46 No.23442608 Report

>>23441634

No, you are increasing the chances that one might be attracted to you.

Anonymous Sun 22 Sep 2019 02:31:29 No.23442952 Report

>>23441634

Not 100%, if that's your intent it probably can help assuming you like how it sounds, then again I'm sure some find it erotic and would never summon one either

Anonymous Sun 22 Sep 2019 03:57:27 No.23443199 Report

Quoted By: >>23443510

I have been feeling tingling in my hands when calling out to my succ while meditating. Mind you, I never did the letter method, I only meditated on a succ and called one.

Is this it? Am I doing it? Is the tingling her telling me that she's here?

The tingling got pretty strong and my hand felt very warm yesterday.

Anonymous Sun 22 Sep 2019 06:26:15 No.23443510 Report

Quoted By: >>23443706

>>23443199

I sometimes get it when meditating on my succ, but I haven't been able to confirm exactly what it means if at all

Anonymous Sun 22 Sep 2019 07:27:38 No.23443706 Report

Quoted By: >>23444014

>>23443510

For mine, it's usually her doing the ultimate degeneracy and holding my hand. I had her do it just now, and it felt the exact same way. If you can focus on the sensation, you can even feel her actual fingers and thumb going between yours and holding the back of your hand. Congrats, your succ also loves handholding. You know what you must do on this path of vanilla.

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Anonymous Sun 22 Sep 2019 08:51:56 No.23444014 Report

>>23443706

Wholesome

Anonymous Sun 22 Sep 2019 14:02:33 No.23445279 Report

Quoted By: >>23445307 >>23445481

So what is the next step after feeling her touch in the form of tinglings? I want to hear her voice, but also see her.

Am I the one who chooses what she looks like? Or do I just to try to visualize whatever she is and let her do her tricks?

Anonymous Sun 22 Sep 2019 14:11:50 No.23445307 Report

Quoted By: >>23445481

>>23445279

She usually has a default form that isn't her true form, I think. I only saw her in a dream one time that I remember and am sure about, but otherwise not remembering dreams is a fucking bitch and a half of a problem. Have you considered maybe putting yourself on the path to opening your soul? Chakras, whatever? OP pastebin has that one Satanic Meditation archived site of that Joy of Satan weirdos, which I personally don't give a shit about but the meditation techniques are legitimate useful tools.

Anonymous Sun 22 Sep 2019 14:20:17 No.23445323 Report

>>23442363

I already did

Anonymous Sun 22 Sep 2019 15:00:57 No.23445481 Report

Quoted By: >>23445524

>>23445279

>next step

i mean its all work and work it will take months even years dont be a fool its not easy

>>23445307

>default form

her "default" form is her real form succubi vary just like any other earth women



Anonymous Sun 22 Sep 2019 15:10:39 No.23445524 Report

Quoted By: >>23445668

>>23445481

Yo linebreakless anon, I am working on Heart and Solar chakras now for this week. Once I get those worked on sufficiently, I will work on Sacral and Base, and hopefully the actual kundalini awakening will happen then. Not sure how it'll go, but I have high hopes.

wizardnomaly Sun 22 Sep 2019 15:36:28 No.23445658 Report

Quoted By: >>23454700

>>23420595

I have demon friends who like to play niche japanese games with me AMA

T Sun 22 Sep 2019 15:38:01 No.23445668 Report

Quoted By: >>23445832

>>23445524

all you're doing is working your imagination so you can be imaginatively powerful but that's the humble way of doing it and that's what they like.

Anonymous Sun 22 Sep 2019 15:53:47 No.23445755 Report

>>23431336

That bow hold is dreadful

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Anonymous Sun 22 Sep 2019 16:06:31 No.23445832 Report

Quoted By: >>23446019

>>23445668

>that's the humble way of doing it and that's what they like

What, really? I have no clue about any of this stuff or what are the best ways of doing things, or what cool shit this occult knowledge and meditation and power channeling can allow me to do eventually. I just had a real shitty headache one day at the top of my head, nothing could get rid of it, and I remembered that one meditation website. Went to it, did Third Eye and Crown meditations, and the aches went away. Then I figured since I began the road to awakening my chakras, I might as well go all the way and do all the meditations and eventually fully activate them all. That since doing Third Eye I have been able to see my spirit lady as black static, as well as legitimately feel my chakras activating and being in use, is reason enough that the path I'm on is a good one. I'm pacing myself though, because I don't wanna overwhelm myself with all that new sensation and shit - I feel the area right below my belly button (sacral?) aching every now and then, which I chalk up to solar in the process of full activation, like how my chest (heart chakra) used to ache because I was still activating Throat at the time.

I told her multiple times now that when the time comes and I manage to recall dreams to a better degree to the point where lucid dreaming becomes worth it, or I somehow develop astral travel and leaving my body temporarily, I'm going to do four things with her.

- 1) Hug her and pat her on the head like she always does to me now, since I told her to do that a lot more often all those months ago
- 2) Get to know her for real, because I still have no changes in regards to sensing her thoughts or emotions transmitting to me, and no clue how her personality is or anything.
- 3) Fuck her brains out myself instead of letting her do all the work
- 4) Practice posing together, for obvious reasons

Hopefully things go good. I feel that time will be the best way to improve things right now.

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Anonymous Sun 22 Sep 2019 16:57:34 No.23446019 Report

>>23445832

Based asf anon, pretty much summed up at the bottom what I want to do as well, good luck and hope it works out for ya

Anonymous Sun 22 Sep 2019 19:36:06 No.23446675 Report

Quoted By: >>23446763

don't die

Anonymous Sun 22 Sep 2019 19:50:53 No.23446763 Report

Quoted By: >>23447563

>>23446675

You can't stop me

Anonymous Sun 22 Sep 2019 22:18:59 No.23447563 Report

Quoted By: >>23447674

>>23446763

don't die bitch

Anonymous Sun 22 Sep 2019 22:40:12 No.23447674 Report

Quoted By: >>23448633

>>23447563

But I want to

Anonymous Mon 23 Sep 2019 01:58:37 No.23448633 Report

>>23447674

Don't do it

Anonymous Mon 23 Sep 2019 03:48:37 No.23448960 Report

Quoted By: >>23448988 >>23449555 >>23449866

I hope keeping a dream journal will help me to git gud at lucid dreaming so I could get in touch with a Succubus

Anonymous Mon 23 Sep 2019 03:59:02 No.23448988 Report

Quoted By: >>23449555

>>23448960

That is what I did and it does help, so don't take it lightly

Anonymous Mon 23 Sep 2019 07:44:27 No.23449555 Report

>>23448988

>>23448960

Like I've said a fuckton in these threads, the one biggest filter is being able to remember your dreams in the first place. Doesn't matter how well or how often you can lucid dream if you can't recall any of it when you wake.

Anonymous Mon 23 Sep 2019 08:25:44 No.23449690 Report

Quoted By: >>23450301

One night I was laying in my bed and meditating. I called out for a succubus and stated my desires. Just having someone be there and all that. I then felt a tingling sensation all of my body. It wasn't bad and it felt quite nice actually. It eventually put me to sleep. What does this mean?

Anonymous Mon 23 Sep 2019 09:20:04 No.23449866 Report

>>23448960

how on earth you inject a lucid dream will help you get a succubus?

do you know the difference between astral projection and lucid dreaming?

Anonymous Mon 23 Sep 2019 10:54:38 No.23450301 Report

>>23449690

That's a good sign, keep an open mind and check your dreams alongside seeing if it happens again, if so you got something's if after a few days or maybe just over a week you have nothing happen to you it might of been a one off, up to you to decide what you wanna do

Admiral Mon 23 Sep 2019 11:35:45 No.23450514 Report

Quoted By: >>23451824 >>23453975

>>23420595

Holy fuck this thread's still going. I'm actually impressed. Has Garm showed his face in any of the previous threads again?

Anonymous Mon 23 Sep 2019 12:49:43 No.23450931 Report

>>23421559

I can't even love myself.

Anonymous Mon 23 Sep 2019 14:58:39 No.23451747 Report

>still cant feel my succ on my dick

I want to feel those delicious lips, damn it.

Anonymous Mon 23 Sep 2019 15:03:16 No.23451770 Report

Quoted By: >>23453065

So I'm here probably for the opposite reason of a lot of you. Posted a story on another board and was told is was a succ so I want the "experts" opinion.

>one night I feel like I half-woke up from sleeping while still lying in bed

>in reality it's a dream in which I'm in my bed w my eyes closed

>feel a girl climb onto my bed from the side my feet are facing and slowly make her way up to my face, sliding over my body as she did  
>start making out passionately for what feels like forever  
>I wake up before anything more happens

If it is something concerning I'm probably gonna tell it to fuck off ngl, I'm Christian

Anonymous Mon 23 Sep 2019 15:13:19 No.23451824 Report

Quoted By: >>23453975

>>23450514

Not that I've seen

Anonymous Mon 23 Sep 2019 19:24:32 No.23453065 Report

Quoted By: >>23454122

>>23451770

I remember someone posting that succubi were not evil because they could not be exorcized or removed, and were instead healthy for the human soul. It was something written by a Franciscan friar, and placed directly word for word in some book. I hope someone has it saved and can post it for me in this thread

Anonymous Mon 23 Sep 2019 20:15:02 No.23453265 Report

Quoted By: >>23454712

The topic of succubi is a huge mindfuck. They were used to explain why people orgasmed while they're sleeping. This was common among Christfags because they think they'll get raped by Satan if they masturbate. If they exist at all, it sure wouldn't be the worst way die. But what the fuck do I know?

Anonymous Mon 23 Sep 2019 22:47:46 No.23453975 Report

>>23450514

>>23451824

In like one or two, he did less then 5 posts. Otherwise, he's been away. Glad to see you alive again though Admiral.

Anonymous Mon 23 Sep 2019 23:22:41 No.23454122 Report

>>23453065

That would be in Sexual Alchemy by Donald Tyson. Assuming the author wasn't lying his ass off a decent portion of the book deals with such enlightenment on religious history.

Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 02:02:07 No.23454700 Report

>>23445658

By niche do you mean things like Touhou or would you consider Touhou too popular to be considered niche?

Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 02:10:17 No.23454712 Report

>>23453265

>ywn be smothered to death by succubi thighs

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Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 02:25:17 No.23454762 Report

Quoted By: >>23455399 >>23458670

Succubi in a thread, make your questions quick

Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 03:14:54 No.23454902 Report

Quoted By: >>23455296 >>23455460 >>23458300

I was having your typical sex dream where this girl was riding me. We're on my bed but there's nothing else around, like literally nothing. After a bit of time of this girl riding me she just kinda goes limp and falls forward on me like a mannequin and starts trying to kiss me but in a weird clumsy fashion. I push her back upright and she falls forward again like she can't hold up her own weight. This happens a third time and I become actually bothered and wake up. I open my eyes and as my eyes are opening the girl is still there but it's like in the dream she had the look of a real person but in my real room it's just this shadow person sitting right on my dick. I flail my arm at whatever the fuck it is and I don't feel anything with my arms but the thing flies backwards as if I've hit it and disappears.

Say what you will, call bullshit etc etc but this actually happened to me.

What do you make of it anons?

Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 06:01:27 No.23455296 Report

>>23454902  
Interesting anon, keep it up  
Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 06:34:35 No.23455399 Report  
>>23454762  
can i get some succ?  
Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 06:57:54 No.23455460 Report  
Quoted By: >>23455839  
>>23454902  
Why hit spirit girls trying to fuck you?  
Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 09:01:59 No.23455839 Report  
Quoted By: >>23456737  
>>23455460  
It startled me. It's not everyday you see something like that  
Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 12:49:48 No.23456737 Report  
>>23455839  
Don't be worried, but stay cautious  
Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 17:49:18 No.23458300 Report  
>>23454902  
>b-baka, i didnt like you anyway!  
you're a meanie, you hurt her feelings  
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Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 17:50:57 No.23458305 Report  
Quoted By: >>23458432 >>23458463  
I understand now, this people may not be so crazy after all. If our brain is just a mass that produce all of what we experience, by doing all this succubi contract shit we can fool our brain to think such a thing like a demon will take our dick and just believe in it. It all happen when we sleep as our brain is less logical and can fake all those feelings.

All our senses are controlled by our brain, if we got a way to make it fake the touch and feeling of a pulsating pussy, all this succubi nonsense would be truly possible.

Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 18:18:44 No.23458432 Report  
>>23458305

Or maybe succubi are real.

Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 18:25:39 No.23458463 Report  
>>23458305

It's real. Learn quantum mechanics as explained by Von Neumann and you'll see why it's feasible.

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Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 18:45:06 No.23458540 Report  
Quoted By: >>23458548 >>23458664 >>23460728

commit this to memory.

Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 18:46:48 No.23458548 Report  
>>23458540

And what does that do exactly

Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 19:20:04 No.23458664 Report  
>>23458540

That is one weird deltaV map.

Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 19:22:19 No.23458670 Report  
Quoted By: >>23458821

>>23454762

Can you make me a sandwich?

Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 19:25:13 No.23458683 Report  
Quoted By: >>23458765

Can a succubi grant me a wish related to love instead of having sex with me?

Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 19:47:02 No.23458765 Report  
Quoted By: >>23458769

>>23458683

Guess if that's what you specified and paid for that then why not, though might be better ways of going about that

Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 19:48:35 No.23458769 Report

Quoted By: >>23458780

>>23458765

Such as?

Im pretty new to the occult and I'd like to contact a occult being to help me with a relationship, i figure a succubus would focus more on sex and carnal desires rather than a healthy relationship

Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 19:51:17 No.23458780 Report

Quoted By: >>23458910

>>23458769

From my understanding, almost anything could provide almost anything you like, just something else might be better suited, as for what you want I personally can't say, I just know from browsing online such as Become a living God forum that people have asked for what you have and been given various answers, such as to contact a different god or something

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Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 20:00:13 No.23458821 Report

Quoted By: >>23458829

>>23458670

No

Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 20:03:19 No.23458829 Report

>>23458821

Useless succ

Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 20:19:22 No.23458910 Report

Quoted By: >>23459791

>>23458780

is there any way of establishing contact and not getting tricked or having some serious damage against my spiritual health

Anonymous Tue 24 Sep 2019 23:06:19 No.23459791 Report

>>23458910

Letter method

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The image is a digital illustration featuring a character with a mix of features. The character has long blonde hair that cascades down her shoulders, and her eyes are a striking shade of yellow. She wears a brown hat with a wide brim, which is positioned on the top of her head. The character's attire consists of a white shirt with a pattern of green and yellow designs, and she is wearing a black vest with a similar pattern. The vest is adorned with a circular emblem in the center. The background of the image is a gradient of colors, transitioning from a dark green at the top to a lighter blue at the bottom. The character's expression is one of concern or distress, and her gaze is directed straight at the viewer. There are no discernible texts or additional objects in the image. The style of the illustration is reminiscent of anime or manga, characterized by its simple, clean lines and vibrant colors.

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 00:05:18 No.23460135 Report

the succubus bit my penis

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 02:51:22 No.23460728 Report

>>23458540

>he wants us to power his sigil for him

How about no?

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 04:05:13 No.23460901 Report

Quoted By: >>23461028

>>23420595

skeptical but skimmed through a couple of those youtube videos, felt horny because of the waves and the noises but then died down after i realized why i felt that way. went to bed after doing a quick meditation, basically stating i want to experience a succubus for the purpose of curiosity. woke up middle of the night to drink some pop because thirsty. but felt REALLY weird. i felt like i could fall over, very low energy. i didnt remember my dream.

a bit into one of these videos i felt as if my leg has been wrapped around by some weird energy thing, like a snake or leech. ive done some weird shit before that had to do with meditation before bed without instructions so kinda worried about playing with fire aspect. i have no idea what im doing.. the other night i

did some meditating basically recalling past events in my life that to my person alone confirms the existence of paranormal beings. not for you to know but me alone. during the meditation i feel three taps on my forehead where i suppose the third eye is supposed to be. like when your muscles in your leg twitch it was the same but in that location. weird. this stuff is very interesting.

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 04:32:52 No.23460951 Report

>>23421002

Kill yourself retard

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 05:13:37 No.23461028 Report

Quoted By: >>23461062

>>23460901

>for the purpose of curiosity

They hate it when people do this shit, don't deliberately try to attract/summon a spirit lady unless you are 100% serious about it.

>woke up middle of the night to drink some pop because thirsty

And you planned on going back to sleep? After drinking pop in the middle of the night? I get the feeling you are still just a kid.

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 05:27:00 No.23461062 Report

>>23461028

>They hate it when people do this shit, don't deliberately try to attract/summon a spirit lady unless you are 100% serious about it.

Fair. I'm sure there are consequences of that.

>And you planned on going back to sleep? After drinking pop in the middle of the night? I get the feeling you are still just a kid.

haha yes. Probably.

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 09:39:38 No.23461897 Report

Quoted By: >>23462364 >>23463186

You speshul snoflakes are just LARPing especially that basedboy succubus

KEKlective

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 11:26:59 No.23462364 Report

>>23461897

>no demon cunny

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 14:17:09 No.23463186 Report

Quoted By: >>23463235

>>23461897

>no fairy cunny

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 14:25:04 No.23463235 Report

Quoted By: >>23463244

>>23463186

how's the son

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 14:26:47 No.23463244 Report

Quoted By: >>23463272

>>23463235

Unfortunately you confusing an enigma for a fighter

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 14:32:45 No.23463272 Report

Quoted By: >>23463283

>>23463244

Never change

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 14:34:31 No.23463283 Report

>>23463272

Never will xoxo

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 17:44:47 No.23464218 Report

>>23420595

Don't die pls thx

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Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 17:58:51 No.23464293 Report

Reminder all succubus anons, when/if this site shuts down we gather at the bunker on julayworld.

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 18:18:58 No.23464376 Report

Quoted By: >>23464706 >>23464827 >>23465271

>unironic succubus summoning general

>on a board where "how to summon a succubus" is its oldest joke  
How come these threads haven't been laughed off the board yet?

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 19:25:33 No.23464706 Report  
>>23464376

Because they work, you dumbass.

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 19:42:55 No.23464827 Report  
>>23464376

/x/ has been its own punchline since the SCP series went off the rails.

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 20:40:28 No.23465231 Report

Quoted By: >>23465240 >>23467359

>>23420595

Stop serving these creatures. It's a big wide universe out there. Stay away from these guaranteed evil retarded critters.

Know that nobody is interested in frail humans but a hardcore predators. Nobody looks for humans except to eat them. We are mostly protected here which is why people can hold the belief that these creatures don't exist, but you can make a hole in the fence for them to get in. It's fucking stupid. Don't do it. You are not prepared to deal with creatures of this nature. They can make you think and feel anything and if you are not hardened against it, they will have their way with you.

Don't project your humanity onto them. Think of the worst shit you can do to people, and know that is their joy.

Read Kyle Odom's manifesto and know that he dealt with similar entities. They fucking destroyed him because he was unprepared. He's likely an emotional introvert and they happened upon him by chance. Yes, they can really make you believe you need to shoot random people for insane reasons. You have no clue what you're getting into.

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 20:41:52 No.23465240 Report

Quoted By: >>23465384

>>23465231

>Stop serving these creatures. It's a big wide universe out there. Stay away from these guaranteed evil retarded critters

The same could be said of us humans, but some of us are pretty alright

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 20:44:44 No.23465259 Report

Quoted By: >>23467359

>>23420595

What is this faggot shit? Holy shit this place has REALLY gone down hill.

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 20:45:44 No.23465271 Report

>>23464376

Because its real. I know its a hard pill to swallow because most people are conditioned to reject the existence of such things. The fact is that many astral beings, including succubi, do exist.

Anonymous Wed 25 Sep 2019 20:58:57 No.23465384 Report

Quoted By: >>23467359

>>23465240

Holy fuck, "bad for humans" is their definition, you stupid nigger.

Anonymous Thu 26 Sep 2019 02:36:26 No.23467140 Report

Succubi just wanna love and be loved. They are beautiful.

Anonymous Thu 26 Sep 2019 03:54:14 No.23467359 Report

>>23465231

>It's a big wide universe out there.

>Know that nobody is interested in frail humans but a hardcore predators.

That's an awfully pessimistic stance to take. A potentially infinite universe, but everyone who is not us wants to eat us?

>Kyle Odom

I just read his manifesto. Interesting, to say the least. Though comparing his experiences to mine, there are key differences:

>Succubi don't care about politics.

>Succubi don't care how smart a person is.

>Succubi don't have a physical presence on this earth. (As far as I'm aware.)

>Odom's martians and succubi share the trait of hyper-sexuality, but succubi are not megalomaniacs.  
>Incubi can be quite aggressive at times, but can also be reasoned with.  
>Succubi and incubi have a sense of humor, unlike Odom's martians.  
I found it funny how Odom claimed that his martians were "millions of years" more advanced than us, yet he failed to give a single example of their miraculous technology. Logic would also dictate that a species so far advanced wouldn't take an interest in us. We'd be like single-cell organisms to them.  
>>23465259  
By all means, start a thread with your own brilliant, totally demonstrable, and not "faggot shit" insights into the paranormal.  
>>23465384  
>"bad for humans" is their definition  
Who assigned them that definition, I wonder?  
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The image features a stylized illustration of a creature with wings and a circular body. The creature has a light blue coloration and is depicted with a circular, glowing blue center. The wings are white and appear to be in a semi-transparent state, giving the impression of a floating or ethereal presence. The creature's body is also light blue and has a circular outline, which is consistent with the glowing center. The creature's eyes are not visible, and the image does not contain any text. The style of the image is abstract and has a dreamlike quality, with a focus on the glowing center and the ethereal appearance of the wings.  
Anonymous Thu 26 Sep 2019 06:49:16 No.23467901 Report  
Quoted By: >>23469650  
Something I haven't seen discussed in a while is how succubi compare to other spirits you can have relationships. Can anyone here who doesn't have a succ and has something else/knows someone that does comment on how that's working out for you?  
Anonymous Thu 26 Sep 2019 13:48:06 No.23469650 Report  
Quoted By: >>23471495  
>>23467901  
Interesting question.  
Would summoning an angel for companionship work the same as a succ?  
Anonymous Thu 26 Sep 2019 19:16:02 No.23471495 Report  
>>23469650  
They would not act the same as other entities, so to answer your question yes you could get an angel just be prepared for the relationship to be quite different than what you would have with a succubus or anything else for that matter  
Anonymous Thu 26 Sep 2019 21:06:52 No.23472071 Report  
>>23420595  
Imagine being so fucking lonely that you create a fictitious entity within your subconscious and make it that it's sucking you off when in reality you're just coping with the fact you'll never get laid  
Anonymous Thu 26 Sep 2019 21:39:54 No.23472246 Report  
Are there futa succubi?  
I'm a switch and it would be nice to fuck and get fucked by the same person.  
FoolFuuka Imageboard 2.2.0 - Asagi FetcherChange Theme Transparency - FAQ - Credits & Links - 4plebs on X - LegalArchives: [ adv / f / hr / o / pol / s4s / sp / tg / trv / tv / x ]  
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[315 / 43]The image is a digital illustration with a pixelated style, featuring a blue square character with a smiling face and arms raised. The character is set against a background with yellow rays emanating from the center, creating a sun-like effect. Below the character, there is text in a white font that reads "toccult sin." The overall color scheme is bright and cheerful, with the blue of



the character contrasting against the yellow rays and the green of the landscape in the background. The style of the image suggests it could be from a video game or a similar digital medium.

37KiB, 960x630, occult sin.jpg

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Occultism & Magick: Library Update 45 The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 18:08:54 No.18756199 ViewReplyOriginalReport

Quoted By: >>18756931 >>18764908 >>18767205 >>18768574 >>18771344

Unfucked /sum/'s pastebin because I'm often a fuckwit and screwed up the walkthrough:

<http://pastebin.com/HhU18gCW>

<https://mega.nz/#F!AE5yjIqB!y7Vdxdb5pbNsi203zyq9KQ>

[https://mega.nz/#!QVAikYgI!jc3-ZqbC\\_jfG1NSGQnLDlrbHeJ2hWiYV4HMGrg42fZc](https://mega.nz/#!QVAikYgI!jc3-ZqbC_jfG1NSGQnLDlrbHeJ2hWiYV4HMGrg42fZc)

Unfucked Tantraloka, added the missing page from the final chapter that was actually somewhat important in establishing it as a natural extension of Srinath and Lakulesvara.

Added David Gordon White's Star.Ships in:

>.A.'.A.'.>Libri

Because I have no clue where else to put the fucking thing.

Reviews have been light on details but this caused a splash in the community as a reconstruction of prehistoric asterism. Reviews essentially just say "Yeah, it's decent, the history's solid, go read it" which tells me fuckall. I'm not balls deep in it but so far....it's not trash which is better than I can say about a LOT of books these days. It's not what I'd want out of a text like this but it comes close to hitting the mark. Starts with a discussion of Göbekli Tepe.

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The image is a black and white illustration that appears to be a satirical or humorous depiction of a biblical scene. At the center of the image, Jesus is shown in a traditional pose, with his hands clasped in prayer and his head bowed. He is wearing a long robe and a crown of thorns on his head, which are typical symbols of his divine status.

To the left of Jesus, there is a figure of a man who appears to be in a state of drunkenness or intoxication, lying on the ground. The man is wearing a long robe and a crown of thorns, similar to Jesus' attire. The man's head is tilted back, and he is laughing or snorting, which is a common sign of intoxication.

Above the man, there is a speech bubble that reads, "PAUL, I'M NOT HEALING YOUR FUCKING HANGOVER." This text is in a bold, capitalized font and is colored in white, contrasting with the black and white image. The text is placed above the man's head, which is a common placement for humorous or satirical text in such illustrations.

The background of the image shows a rocky landscape with a few figures in the distance, suggesting a setting that is not clearly identifiable. The overall style of the image is reminiscent of a vintage or classic illustration, with a focus on the humor and irony of the scene.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 18:21:46 No.18756247 Report

Quoted By: >>18758333 >>18759044

Options for the next scan:

>Pyramid Texts with annotations through Pyramid of Unas.

>Dark Shamans: Kanaima and the Poetics of a Violent Death.

>My copy of Kaulajnananirnaya Tantra with annotations.

View Same OCR Google iqdb SauceNAO Trace tumblr\_o9um6400qt1txaqqko2\_1280.jpg, 233KiB, 564x910

The image is a stylized, three-dimensional illustration with a predominantly red and black color scheme. At the center, there is a stylized depiction of a human body, with the body's form resembling a triangle. The body is adorned with a red and black pattern that includes a central red triangle with a black outline, and a black and red pattern that forms a larger triangle with a black outline. The body's face is not visible, but the rest of the body is detailed with intricate black and red patterns.

At the top of the image, there is a stylized, ornate script that appears to be in a language that is not English. The script is in a cursive, flowing style with a mix of black and red colors. Below the body, there is a small, white, circular object with a blue outline, which could be interpreted as a tear or a drop.

The background of the image is a light beige color, providing a neutral backdrop that allows the colors of the illustration to stand out. The overall style of the image is reminiscent of traditional calligraphy or art, with a focus on the interplay of color and form.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 19:16:05 No.18756491 Report

Quoted By: >>18756555 >>18756883

Rare unpublished Helen Oliver art.

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The image is a stylized illustration with a predominantly red and black color scheme. At the center, there is a large circular design with a central black area and a red border. Within this central circle, there is a smaller, circular design with a white border and a black center. This smaller circle contains a series of red and white pins arranged in a triangular pattern.

Surrounding the central circle, there are two large, curved, white lines that appear to be flames or rays emanating from the central circle. These lines are connected by a thin, white line that forms a V-shape around the central circle.

At the bottom of the image, there is a small, rectangular plaque with a gold-colored border and a white background. The plaque contains a series of Chinese characters, which are not clearly legible due to the resolution of the image.

The style of the image is reminiscent of traditional Chinese art, with its use of color, symbolism, and intricate designs. The overall composition and the use of color create a sense of balance and harmony.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 19:31:52 No.18756555 Report

Quoted By: >>18756613 >>18756883

>>18756491

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDMtaIcrfQ0>

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The image is a collage with a surrealistic style, featuring a figure that appears to be a person with a green eye and a pointed hat, dressed in a suit and tie. The figure is standing with one hand raised, pointing towards the sky. The background is a textured, possibly wet surface, with a blueish hue. The figure is surrounded by various elements, including framed photographs and a large, bold text that reads "THESE VIOLENT ENDS." The overall color palette is dominated by shades of blue, green, and orange. The style of the image is reminiscent of pop art or surrealism, with a focus on the juxtaposition of everyday objects and the human figure against a backdrop of abstract imagery.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 19:49:43 No.18756613 Report

>>18756555

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAJTeCJ7NG0>

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The image shows two pages of a book with illustrations and text. On the left page, there are three illustrations of abstract shapes and lines, with some of the shapes resembling organic forms and others resembling geometric structures. The right page features a series of illustrations with a focus on a central figure that appears to be a stylized representation of a human figure, with a complex network of lines and shapes radiating from it. The text on the left page is in a language that appears to be Japanese, and the text on the right page is in a different script, possibly Chinese. The style of the illustrations is reminiscent of traditional Japanese woodblock prints, with a focus on line and form. The overall impression is that of a book that might be a textbook or a collection of illustrations related to a specific topic, possibly science or art, given the complex and detailed nature of the illustrations.

Anonymous Fri 10 Mar 2017 19:59:19 No.18756642 Report

Quoted By: >>18756737 >>18766169

Any spells to make me the special Mary Sue undead I've always wanted to be?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 20:20:05 No.18756737 Report

>>18756642

I dunno, probably in the 1e materials somewhere, maybe a B/X adventure or something.

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The image is a vibrant and colorful painting that depicts a figure seated in a meditative pose. The figure is adorned with a headdress and a necklace, and is surrounded by a multitude of abstract shapes and patterns that suggest a cosmic or spiritual theme. The background is a blend of blue, yellow, and orange hues, with swirling patterns and swirls that add to the overall mystical atmosphere. The painting is rendered in a style that is reminiscent of surrealism, with a focus on the interplay of light and shadow, and the use of color to convey emotion and mood. The overall composition and the use of color create a sense of depth and complexity, with the figure appearing to be in a state of contemplation or meditation.

Anonymous Fri 10 Mar 2017 20:23:44 No.18756761 Report

Quoted By: >>18756775 >>18756852

Bump.

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The image is a digital illustration featuring a character that resembles a green frog with a human-like face. The frog has a pair of large, round glasses with blue frames, and its eyes are large and round with a reflective quality. The frog's mouth is open, revealing its teeth, and it appears to be in a state of surprise or shock. The frog is wearing a blue shirt with a white collar and a blue collar on the shirt. The character's expression is intense, with a slight frown and a furrowed brow. The background of the image is plain white, which contrasts with the green color of the frog and the blue of the glasses. There are no texts or additional elements in the image. The style of the illustration is cartoonish and expressive, with a focus on the character's facial expression.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 20:25:59 No.18756775 Report

Quoted By: >>18756852

>>18756761

Thanks mate.

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The image displays a stylized red symbol against a white background. The symbol consists of a stylized, curved line that forms a cone-like shape with a pointed top. Inside the cone, there is a smaller, curved line that forms a crescent moon shape. The overall design is bold and the color is vibrant, with the red of the symbol standing out against the white background. The image is simple and does not contain any text or additional elements. The style of the image is reminiscent of traditional or cultural symbols, possibly representing a specific cultural or religious significance.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 20:44:01 No.18756852 Report

>>18756775

>>18756761

FUCK ME I just remembered that Kala Sampa posted the rest of the Zorn anthologies, I should really get those uploaded.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qis2EFSLjLM>

Anonymous Fri 10 Mar 2017 20:55:26 No.18756883 Report

Quoted By: >>18756893 >>18756900

>>18756491

>>18756555

bump asking the sauce of those neat drawings

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 20:59:50 No.18756893 Report

Quoted By: >>18756900 >>18756956

>>18756883

Helen Oliver, aka Soro Pasht Akhti, former member of the Cultus Sabbati.

I have some typescripts of hers with hers and Chumbley's blood.

I don't have my archive of her pics on this partition, gimme a second.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 21:03:02 No.18756900 Report

Quoted By: >>18756956

>>18756893

>>18756883

>93

>Soror

<http://archive.4plebs.org/x/thread/18131927/#18131927>

Anonymous Fri 10 Mar 2017 21:10:56 No.18756931 Report

Quoted By: >>18756958 >>18769170

>>18756199

Ape, some anon in another thread is interested (albeit asshole-ly) in the difference between IHVH and Yeheshuah in hermetic tradition and the god and Jesus of the Bible... I feel like Crowley wrote something on this... is there anything in the library I can point them toward so they don't have to just take my word for it?

Anonymous Fri 10 Mar 2017 21:16:30 No.18756956 Report

>>18756893

>>18756900

Thanks a lot!

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 21:17:01 No.18756958 Report

Quoted By: >>18756973 >>18758904

>>18756931

YHVH and YHShVH are elemental formulas.

YHVH are the four basic constituents of matter, air, earth, fire water (in no particular order).

The Shin (Sh) is the descent of spirit to animate and redeem the gross material.

IIRC this is all in the Adeptus material of the Golden Dawn but I could be mistaken.

You could direct them to Magick in Theory and Practice's chapter on the formula of the neophyte.

Anonymous Fri 10 Mar 2017 21:20:21 No.18756973 Report

Quoted By: >>18756981

>>18756958

Thank you, kind sir! I'm not trying to start a wizard fight, but this anon says he practices western occultism, but doesn't like Hermeticism because it's Jude-xtian. Or something. I' confuse, at any rate.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 21:21:49 No.18756981 Report

Quoted By: >>18757005 >>18757954

>>18756973

Formula of the Neophyte doesn't make much sense without the preliminary discussion on YHVH in the previous chapter but it's all sorta there in roundabout ways.

Anonymous Fri 10 Mar 2017 21:28:47 No.18757005 Report

Quoted By: >>18757045

>>18756981

Thanks. I hope you don't mind that I just direct quoted you in that thread, with proper attribution. I'm getting the sense that I'm trying to lend a hand to a LARPer now, though.

-Heru Ra Ha

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 21:38:52 No.18757045 Report

Quoted By: >>18758336

>>18757005

Sure thing man.

Anonymous Fri 10 Mar 2017 23:09:09 No.18757426 Report

Anybody hang out with the Temple of Astarte?

Are they pretty cool?

!jyEthancRA Sat 11 Mar 2017 01:07:58 No.18757813 Report

bumping. I've currently trying to read A. E. Waite's The Doctrine and Literature of the Kabbalah, but it's tough. All this abstract stuff, when I'd rather get to the nuts and bolts. Any suggestions?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 01:10:36 No.18757821 Report

MOAR

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The image displays a stylized, circular design with a white background. The

design features a series of concentric circles, each with a distinct pattern. At the center of the design, there is a star-like shape with a smaller star within it. The outer circles have a series of curved lines that create a sense of depth and movement. The inner circles have straight lines that create a geometric pattern. The overall style of the image is minimalist and abstract, with a focus on simplicity and symmetry.

Hijinks !!qEPyEVMU8+A Sat 11 Mar 2017 01:11:46 No.18757832 Report  
>unfucked

Aww yiss

Ns Sat 11 Mar 2017 01:49:21 No.18757954 Report

Quoted By: >>18758484

>>18756981

Want the Elizabeth English vajrayogini book, or the Wisdom edition of tsongkhapa's lamp, or some other translations of vajrayana classics that aren't in your library?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 01:55:07 No.18757981 Report

Quoted By: >>18758197

I want one of two things. Either to get rid of my depression or to make my poetry better. Which is easier to do with the occult? And how do I do it?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 02:48:47 No.18758197 Report

>>18757981

Me too, getting rid of depression would be amazing!

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 04:03:40 No.18758333 Report

>>18756247

I know what some of those words mean.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 04:07:04 No.18758336 Report

Quoted By: >>18758527

>>18757045

I have confirmed them for some combination LARPer and "rationalist." Thanks for the info anyway, pal. I still gained something from it regardless.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 06:09:48 No.18758484 Report

Quoted By: >>18758945

>>18757954

Yes.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 06:30:33 No.18758525 Report

Quoted By: >>18758527

You're slipping.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 06:31:43 No.18758527 Report

Quoted By: >>18759461

>>18758336

We have a resident post who's DESPERATE to discredit any magick he doesn't practice as jewish. It's sorta sad, considering the origins of Hermetica in the GMP.

>>18758525

Hm?

How so?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 06:40:49 No.18758540 Report

Quoted By: >>18758551

Quick question. I see the Tantraloka Chapters 5-37 listed clearly, but I didn't happen to see Chapters 1-4. Where/what should I be looking at/for?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 06:45:03 No.18758551 Report

Quoted By: >>18758562

>>18758540

Chapters 1-4 are just above chapters 5-37 in the folder:

>Eastern>Saivism>Abhinavagupta & Uttara Kaula Trika

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 06:50:38 No.18758562 Report

Quoted By: >>18758568

>>18758551

Thanks!

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 06:53:02 No.18758568 Report

Quoted By: >>18758589 >>18770277

>>18758562  
No problem, friend.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Htl3XWUhUOM>  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 07:13:17 No.18758589 Report  
Quoted By: >>18758690 >>18758693  
>>18758568  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwEFqT\\_A8bI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwEFqT_A8bI)  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 08:01:30 No.18758668 Report  
Quoted By: >>18758690 >>18758693  
mite b gud

<http://www.llewellyn.com/product.php?ean=9780738752587>  
Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 08:09:52 No.18758690 Report  
>>18758589  
[https://youtu.be/tMPVTM\\_jsKA](https://youtu.be/tMPVTM_jsKA)

>>18758668  
for \$200 I'd hope so  
Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 08:11:44 No.18758693 Report  
Quoted By: >>18758784  
>>18758589  
<https://youtu.be/eciZWndkGqs>

>>18758668  
for \$200 I'd hope so  
Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 08:26:39 No.18758719 Report  
Quoted By: >>18758744  
Are there texts in the library on internal alchemy, celibacy, brahmacharya?  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 08:38:17 No.18758744 Report  
Quoted By: >>18758764  
>>18758719  
>internal alchemy  
Yes, and normative.

>celibacy, brahmacharya?  
No.  
Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 08:51:17 No.18758764 Report  
Quoted By: >>18758777  
>>18758744  
I feel like a pig in shit. I'd been coming to these threads and not actively exploring the archive.

I'm going to burn through 100 dollars worth of ink and printer paper, at least.

I don't know if you're the one who put this together but kudos.  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 08:55:43 No.18758777 Report  
>>18758764  
>you're the one who put this  
Yes.

Last I had it appraised it was over 200k+ in worth, and that was BEFORE I added all the scans of unpublished materials. It's converted worth is now very likely "priceless" since I've some scans of materials from a founding collection (Sloane) of the London Museum.

Still a couple I need to post as well.

And that's not even counting the stuff I scanned for the first time (Tantraloka, Equinox 5:4, Blazing Dew of Stars, Secret School of Wisdom).  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 08:59:44 No.18758784 Report  
Quoted By: >>18759119  
>>18758693  
>93  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GukNjYQZW8s>

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 10:09:02 No.18758904 Report

Quoted By: >>18759537 >>18765781

>>18756958

This was exceedingly useful, thank you very much. It solved my major issue of GD being too Christian for my stomach.

Why isn't this written on the cover of GD books?

Ns Sat 11 Mar 2017 10:28:59 No.18758945 Report

Quoted By: >>18759537

>>18758484

Ok, same gmail?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 10:33:33 No.18758954 Report

Quoted By: >>18759537

This library is exactly what I was looking for to try out "magick" and just get decent reading material in general. Thanks.

I have a quick question regarding evoking : Is it better to evoke alone, or does the presence of an outsider to the ritual can affect the outcome ?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 11:07:18 No.18759044 Report

>>18756247

#3, kind sir.

View SameOCRGoogleiqlqdbSauceNAOTrace 413px-WhatJesusLookedLike.jpg, 56KiB, 413x600

The image is a collage of four separate images, each featuring a different religious figure, with accompanying text that humorously suggests what the respective religious figures might have looked like to different groups of people.

In the top left image, we see a portrait of a bearded man with long hair, dressed in a white robe. The text above the image reads, "What black people think Jesus looked like..."

The top right image features a man with a green turban and a beard, wearing a red robe. The text above the image reads, "What Arabs think Jesus looked like..."

The bottom left image shows a portrait of a woman with long blonde hair, wearing a red robe. The text above the image reads, "What white people think Jesus looked like..."

The bottom right image features a depiction of a creature with a long neck and a red heart, wearing a blue robe. The text above the image reads, "What Chahan thinks Jesus looked like..."

Each image is framed by a black border, and the text is in white, making the humor stand out against the dark background. The style of the image is reminiscent of meme-style graphics, often used to satirize religious iconography and the way it is perceived by different groups of people.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 11:33:26 No.18759119 Report

>>18758784

<https://youtu.be/ds5yzE0F3nQ>

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 13:05:50 No.18759461 Report

Quoted By: >>18759537

>>18758527

That makes sense as to why they're being such an obstinate asshole. Not that I'm anti-semitic or would care if it was super Jewish, but there is clearly a huge gap between Jewish mysticism and Western Hermeticism. May I ask, are you an Anthropologist? Because you speak/write like one.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 13:24:03 No.18759537 Report

Quoted By: >>18759541 >>18760141

>>18758945

Sure.

>>18758904

Because it expects you to read.

>>18758954

Doesn't matter. Don't run group unless you're all sorta halfway competent.

>>18759461  
>May I ask, are you an Anthropologist? Because you speak/write like one.  
Archaeologist and museum administrator.  
Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 13:25:49 No.18759541 Report  
Quoted By: >>18759546  
>>18759537  
That sounds like a KILLER job. I dig you, man.  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 13:28:09 No.18759546 Report  
Quoted By: >>18759554 >>18759646  
>>18759541  
I mean, it could be better, but I have a semester left on my masters, so here's  
to looking up.  
Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 13:30:39 No.18759554 Report  
>>18759546  
Cheers, mate.  
Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 13:55:12 No.18759646 Report  
Quoted By: >>18759776  
>>18759546  
May I ask what University you attend? Or is that asking for too much on a board  
like this?  
Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:31:26 No.18759770 Report  
Where can I find gems for wholesale? Must I travel to Afrika? Also I visited  
sacredfires on Shopify because sage goddess is becoming worse by the minute and  
bought some spell bottles. What else is good for beginners?  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:32:13 No.18759776 Report  
Quoted By: >>18759782  
>>18759646  
>Or is that asking for too much on a board like this?  
That.  
But the collection is encyclopedic with over 170k objects and the largest for a  
few hundred miles in most directions. I've posted pics from it.  
Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:34:02 No.18759782 Report  
Quoted By: >>18759786  
>>18759776  
Yeah, I got the impression it was a major institution. Was the Tantraloka you  
posted the Uni's, or yours?  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:35:51 No.18759786 Report  
Quoted By: >>18759854  
>>18759782  
>yours  
Mine, it's an edition that runs over three hundred dollars to order. But it's  
the only full English translation and I love you insufferable faggots.  
Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:51:04 No.18759854 Report  
Quoted By: >>18759896  
>>18759786  
You da man! I often find myself wondering why anyone with a shred of a life  
spends time on here. But then I remember the conversation we had about the "rare  
gems" to be found among the torrents of shit. I feel like more actual  
practitioners are coming on here as time goes by... maybe it's just because I'm  
fairly new here?  
Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:54:16 No.18759878 Report  
Quoted By: >>18759884 >>18759888  
can any of you cast fireball yet?  
Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:56:16 No.18759884 Report  
>>18759878  
Probably all of us. That's like, Magick 101  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:56:46 No.18759888 Report  
Quoted By: >>18759898  
>>18759878  
1) That's a fifth level spell and most of us are still figuring out the Arcane  
Tradition unlock.  
2) >2017 >"damage" spells  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:58:11 No.18759896 Report  
Quoted By: >>18759906



>>18759854

It's cyclic.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:59:11 No.18759898 Report

>>18759888

All I know about magick I learned from video games

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:00:52 No.18759904 Report

Quoted By: >>18759918

What books do you have on discrete deities?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:01:39 No.18759906 Report

Quoted By: >>18759918 >>18760009

>>18759896

I feel like, when I spend excessive amounts of time on here, it hinders my workings. Do you find that? Before coming on here I only ever used the internet for porn (and that rarely), I don't even have a social media account. Maybe it's just being on the computer in general?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:04:19 No.18759918 Report

Quoted By: >>18760009

>>18759904

Most of 'em will be in the Eastern folder.

Maybe Panparadox.

>>18759906

No because everything I do is in the name of the Work and thus far I've had enough free time to shitpost, enroll in an international grad honors society, do enough Yoga to get by, and perform my ritual obligations.

I mean, I walk an hour, past my outdoor ritual spot, every day to and from campus. Not like I don't have plenty of opportunity to use it.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:04:44 No.18759920 Report

Quoted By: >>18759927 >>18759939 >>18759998 >>18763233

surly, with so many well read occultists and such a vast library here, someone in this thread can give me a decent explanation of the nature of magick?

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The image is a page from a book or article, featuring text in a serif font. The text is in English and appears to be discussing the topic of spiritual experiences and the nature of the spirit. The page is divided into two columns, with the left column containing the main body of the text and the right column containing a quote from Carl Jung.

The main body of the text discusses the author's experience with spiritual experiences and the nature of the spirit. The author mentions that they have discussed the proof of identity for a long time with a friend of William James, Professor Hyslop, in New York. They also discuss the hypothesis of spirits and the qualities and characteristics of the spirit. The text mentions that the author's own experience is bound to be skeptical, but they must admit that the spirit hypothesis yields better results than any other.

The right column contains a quote from Carl Jung, which reads: "We will begin serious discussion of spirits with a quote from Carl Jung that we have also used in 'Pacts With The Devil'." The quote is followed by a statement that the author believes that it becomes clear to anyone who reads material about Jung—specifically material not published until after the author's death—that the author believed not only in the literal existence of spirits, but also in a substantial chunk of what is traditionally considered occult. The author concludes by saying, "In other words, while you may believe that Jungian archetypes are 'all in your head,' he most emphatically did not."

The style of the image is formal and academic, typical of a scholarly or academic article. The text is dense with information, and the layout is straightforward, with the text and the quote arranged side by side. The image is a snapshot of a page from a larger document, likely a book or a journal article, as indicated by the format and the presence of a quote from Carl Jung.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:08:40 No.18759927 Report

Quoted By: >>18759939 >>18759985 >>18760141 >>18766298

>>18759920

"Any logically consistent transcendental idealism rids the world of transcendence and opacity."

~t. Maurice Merleau-Ponty

"12) Man is ignorant of the nature of his own being and powers. Even his idea of his limitations is based on experience of the past, and every step in his progress extends his empire. There is therefore no reason to assign theoretical limits to what he may be, or what he may do.

note: i.e., except---possibly---in the case of logically absurd questions such as the Schoolmen discussed in connection with "God".

(Illustration: A generation ago it was supposed theoretically impossible that man should ever know the composition of the fixed stars. It is known that our senses are adapted to receive only a fraction of the possible rates of vibration. Modern instruments have enabled us to detect some of these supra-sensibles by indirect methods, and even to use their peculiar qualities in the service of man, as in the case of the rays of Hertz and Roentgen. As Tyndall said, man might at any moment learn to perceive and utilize vibrations of all conceivable and inconceivable kinds. The question of Magick is a question of discovering and employing hitherto unknown forces in nature. We know that they exist, and we cannot doubt the possibility of mental or physical instruments capable of bringing us into relation with them.)"

~t. Aleister Crowley

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The image is a stylized, graphic representation with a religious theme. At the center, there is a figure that appears to be a woman, possibly a saint, with a halo and a crown of thorns. She is wearing a white robe and a necklace with a heart-shaped pendant. Her eyes are obscured by a black, oval-shaped object, which could be a mask or a symbol.

Surrounding the central figure are several red capsules, which are arranged in a circular pattern. The background is a gradient of dark to light, with a halo-like effect around the figure. The text "ULTRAVIOLENCE" is prominently displayed in bold, black letters, with the word "ULTRAVIOLENCE" in a larger font size than the rest of the text. The overall style of the image is artistic and seems to be a commentary on the concept of "ultraviolence," which is a term often used to describe the extreme and violent behavior of individuals.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:12:27 No.18759939 Report

Quoted By: >>18760186

>>18759927

>>18759920

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Es0ABq\\_fDjk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Es0ABq_fDjk)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sI8ohPTzIE>

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:27:58 No.18759985 Report

Quoted By: >>18760002 >>18760009

>>18759927

Thank you for the thoughtful and measured response.

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The image is a meme featuring a cat with a surprised expression. The cat has large, round eyes and a pink nose. Its whiskers are visible, and it has a white face with a black nose. The cat's eyes are wide open, and its mouth is slightly open, giving the impression of surprise. The cat's fur is a mix of gray and white, and it has a black stripe running down its cheek.

At the top of the image, there is a text that reads "I'M THE ONLY Pussy" in a bold, capitalized font. Below this text, there is another line that says "YOU WILL EVER NEED" in a smaller, lowercase font. The background of the image is a plain, light color, which contrasts with the cat's fur and the text. The overall style of the image is humorous and uses a cat as a source of humor.

Felis Catus !!lr8u3upD8uq Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:30:09 No.18759998 Report

>>18759920

Magic is manifesting changes in perception and the world around you through will.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:31:15 No.18760002 Report

Quoted By: >>18760009 >>18760066

>>18759985

Don't forget the trialogues.

Skepticism and the Balkanization of Epistemology covers the typed quotes.

Entities covers the image (though quickly forks off into speculation because McKenna, but the first one's solid as shit).

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:32:55 No.18760009 Report

>>18760002

Sorry, I am >>18759985 and >>18759906 and was responding to >>18759918

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:49:24 No.18760066 Report

Quoted By: >>18760092 >>18760094 >>18768974

>>18760002

Ape, there was a guy some time ago claiming to have been hired by a major corporation who supposedly did summoning" (I thought it was weird he never used the term evocation) and claimed that his job was to build physical, electrical, computerized "wards," and wrote computer programs that allegedly "summoned" millions of "entities" that he claimed were the ethereal equivalent of microbes, intelligence-wise, but that they performed rites and summoned intelligent entities as well. He claimed he could "ward" against the bad karma that was inevitable if such operations were actually performed for the purposes he claimed. Is this just advanced LARPing? Or do you suppose there is something to it? I'm asking you in particular because you know way more about this stuff than I do, and it seems like something within your realm of knowledge/experience to either confirm or debunk. Thanks!

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace 1480760162789.jpg, 14KiB, 236x418

The image is a screenshot from a mobile application, likely a social media platform, displaying a user's face with a surprised expression. The user's eyes are wide open, and the eyebrows are raised, indicating surprise or shock. The text above the image reads "Oh no, here comes Neelix," which suggests that the user is reacting to a message or notification from the character Neelix. The time displayed at the top of the image is 10:00 PM. The image has a dark background, and the user's face is the central focus. The style of the image is a standard selfie with a focus on the user's facial expression.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:55:42 No.18760084 Report

Quoted By: >>18760103

Hey ape, love your work.

I just finished Prometheus rising, I'm reading my big toe, I love the law of one, and pretty much anything relating to consciousness.

Do you have any recommendations from your library? I'm much less interested in magic practice (aside from meditation) than I am enlightening my intellect and intuition.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:57:36 No.18760092 Report

Quoted By: >>18760106

>>18760066

Advanced larp.

THAT SAID, people with the ability knowledge and access will hire evokatory "hitmen". Not like killers but folks willing to travel near a target and run this or that ritual. Generally the people with access to this are cunts and/or mid to high degree members of occult orgs.

>warding via program

There's an old fable which I haven't been able to find in years of a chaos/discordian group uploading a viral system based on...some weird principle, I can't remember, that ended up crashing systems all over the pacific rim sometime in the late 80's or early 90's.

View SameGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace thegate.jpg, 9KiB, 320x240

The image is a close-up photograph of a person's face, focusing on their eyes and mouth. The individual appears to be a young male with short, dark hair and glasses. His eyes are wide open, and his mouth is slightly open, as if he is shouting or expressing surprise. The background is dark and out of focus, with what appears to be a blurred, indistinct environment that suggests a forest or wooded area. There are no discernible texts or logos in the image. The style of

the image is realistic, with a focus on the expression of the person.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:57:43 No.18760094 Report

Quoted By: >>18760116

>>18760066

this reminds me of the nerdy kid in THE GATE 2 who was summoning demons with pentagrams made of computer controlled laser beams.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:59:20 No.18760103 Report

Quoted By: >>18760150

>>18760084

With the exception of Prometheus Rising, that all looks pretty awful.

I dunno. Pick around the A.'.A.'.>Philosophy folder.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:59:55 No.18760106 Report

Quoted By: >>18760125

>>18760092

Thank you. Yeah they sound like real douches to do a thing like that.

>warding via program

Very interesting. Do you lend credence to it?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:01:22 No.18760116 Report

Quoted By: >>18760126 >>18760145

>>18760094

You ever seen Evilspeak with Ron Howard's deformed brother?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXT61J08bLU>

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:02:54 No.18760125 Report

>>18760106

I dunno I'd have to find the story again.

I remember this from back in the days of TOTSE when this website was a gleam in Moot's eye so the incident/post/record may be gone forever.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:03:09 No.18760126 Report

Quoted By: >>18760186

>>18760116

no i don't think i have, but i love clint howard.

i'm going to have to watch that just for that picture. i watched a lot of crappy movies in the 80s but that one slipped by.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:06:07 No.18760141 Report

Quoted By: >>18760146 >>18760186

>>18759537

sent a link to your email, 4chan wouldn't let me post it. I figured i'd just throw in anything you might be interested in that I didn't remember seeing in your library, all together about a gig and a half.

If it's not too much trouble, and you feel like talking philosophy a bit, what does >>18759927

>"Any logically consistent transcendental idealism rids the world of transcendence and opacity."

mean? Even if internally consistent it's still susceptible to the pyrrhonian skeptic regress problem. That means there is going to be an arational or irrational origin point, an outside, won't that be opaque and/or transcendent?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:06:39 No.18760145 Report

Quoted By: >>18760186

>>18760116

oh shit i have to watch that, thanks for the recommendation. it's even got richard moll!

Ns Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:07:15 No.18760146 Report

Quoted By: >>18760186

sorry, it's me, in reference to those ebooks

>>18760141

>sent a link to your email

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:07:40 No.18760150 Report

Quoted By: >>18760186

>>18760103

>With the exception of Prometheus Rising, that all looks pretty awful.

Why does it seem awful?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:13:48 No.18760186 Report

Quoted By: >>18760243 >>18760348

>>18760141

>pyrrhonian skeptic regress problem

If you wanna chase logic chains all day long into infinite regression, be my guest but there's work to do.

>>18760141

>That means there is going to be an arational or irrational origin point, an outside, won't that be opaque and/or transcendent?

Sorta, but it's not the 'origin' as much as the fundamental nature of this work. The Bodhisattva transcends beyond the shores of enlightenment while going nowhere. Also, it's not outside. Again, we're talking fundamental natures here.

>>18760126

>>18760145

It should really be less obscure than it is.

I think it's got the Anton LaVey Seal of Schlock approval.

>>18760146

Thanks.

>>18760150

Law of One is the sort of unanchored speculation derided by McKenna here:

>>18759939

At least Crowley's transmissions had the common decency to be as educated as possible at the time. His depth of his skepticism toward his own transmissions is admirable.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:27:22 No.18760243 Report

>>18760186

On the law of one subject, I'm not an avid believer of all the material, but the message is pure.

The forward in the book also explicitly states that the author is not asserting a truth, just providing his channeling sessions for others to see. I am also way more trusting of people who provide this information completely free of charge.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:51:26 No.18760348 Report

Quoted By: >>18760448

>>18760186

>Sorta, but it's not the 'origin' as much as the fundamental nature of this work.

I'm probably misunderstanding either you or M-P because I took M-P to be talking about a system of idealist philosophy. I don't think you think that constructing or apprehending a system of philosophy is the fundamental nature of the work, so what you and he are saying is probably going over my head.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:17:25 No.18760448 Report

Quoted By: >>18760459 >>18763994

>>18760348

He's talking about the nature of perception filtered through our various philosophical systems (our ontologies and epistemologies, and if you think you're not constructing these as a part of the Work I'd direct you to the Exemption thesis of the A.'.A.'.) and is implying that transcendentalism, be it dualist or nondualist, cuts to the quick faster than others, and that if one constructs as he did, one can rip down the veils of false perception.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:19:52 No.18760459 Report

Quoted By: >>18760492 >>18760498

>>18760448

you keep talking about "the Work" and it gives me a dementia vibe.

maybe you should ease up on "The Work" for a little bit and come back down to earth.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:24:41 No.18760492 Report

Quoted By: >>18767006

>>18760459

>maybe you should ease up on "The Work" for a little bit and come back down to earth.

I mean I'm probably gonna fuck off to blast music and play Tyranny or Stellaris once the food gets here.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:25:01 No.18760498 Report

Quoted By: >>18760509 >>18760529

>>18760459

"It is a thousand times better to die than to break such an oath in thought, spirit, or action."

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:27:09 No.18760509 Report

Quoted By: >>18760521 >>18760529

>>18760498

Hey, someone \*gets\* it.

Thank you.

Also:

>Philosophus. -Is expected to complete his moral training. He is tested in Devotion to the Order.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:29:16 No.18760521 Report

>>18760509

Indeed. Not everybody on here is completely retarded, as you were kind enough to demonstrate when I first began visiting..

-Heru Ra Ha

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:30:56 No.18760529 Report

Quoted By: >>18760541 >>18760542 >>18760555 >>18763241

>>18760498

>>18760509

sounds like you guys belong to a cult. cults are un healthy

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:33:51 No.18760541 Report

Quoted By: >>18765821

>>18760529

Anthrosocially speaking "cult" simply refers to a religious following with less than about 500 or so members.

By that litmus test I'm not a cultist but rather a sectarian with some cultish tendencies. In either case, cults can come in good and bad flavors.

Thanks for the input though.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:33:51 No.18760542 Report

Quoted By: >>18761594 >>18765805

>>18760529

Every religion is a cult. Sports are essentially cults. Political parties are cults. Societies are cults. Everybody belongs to a cult.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:36:09 No.18760555 Report

Quoted By: >>18761448

>>18760529

I actually happen to be a sectarian individualist, myself.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 20:26:20 No.18761448 Report

>>18760555

Bump.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 20:51:48 No.18761594 Report

>>18760542

and just look at the world.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 23:43:35 No.18762314 Report

The strict hierarchy that makes cults so unhealthy is entirely absent here.

View SameOCRGoogleIqdbSauceNA0Trace a551c84.jpg, 989KiB, 2448x3264

The image shows a hand holding a can of beer. The can is predominantly black with a white design featuring a stylized illustration of a goat's head. The goat has red eyes and is wearing a striped pattern. The text on the can reads "BLACK

PHILIP" at the top and "BLAKES'S REAL APPLE" at the bottom. The background is blurred, suggesting a room setting with a carpeted floor. The style of the image is casual and appears to be taken in a domestic environment.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 05:51:17 No.18763213 Report

Quoted By: >>18763221

So has anyone here actually done any of the summoning of solomon demons ?

What was it like, did the dogs bark etc. whats mentioned in the pastebin?

Anyone have a quick rundown?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 05:56:23 No.18763221 Report

Quoted By: >>18763227

>>18763213

>So has anyone here actually done any of the summoning of solomon demons ?

Lots.

>What was it like, did the dogs bark etc. whats mentioned in the pastebin?

For me it's shit going dead quiet (the dogs \*stop\* barking) in the lower end and then them going apeshit in the middle tiers and then back to quiet when shit gets really real. Lots of flickering lights and mist while indoors. Outdoors tends to be more subtle. On visual evokation I tend to get "knocks" and thumps around the house for a few days afterward, but that's generally if I'm coupling Lemegeton with more serious work.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:00:08 No.18763227 Report

Quoted By: >>18763230

>>18763221

What happens if i use blood in summoning?

I once used blood in sigil but nothing happened.

Are you not afraid magick sents you to damnatiom?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:03:01 No.18763230 Report

Quoted By: >>18763235

>>18763227

>What happens if i use blood in summoning?

Depends on whose blood and why.

>I once used blood in sigil but nothing happened.

Imagine that, just bleeding on something isn't too effective without a structure behind it.

>Are you not afraid magick sents you to damnatiom?

No.

I \*wouldst\* like to live deliciously.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:06:46 No.18763233 Report

>>18759920

magick is the art of causing change in conformity with will.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:08:06 No.18763235 Report

Quoted By: >>18763245

>>18763230

I made sigil properly then shed blood I thought it symbolizes my will to sacrifice for the goal. However it was the first sigil I made and ill have to find some way to a reliable guide.

If you use your own blood to bind yourself to a protective solomon demon like orobas, what could go wrong?

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Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:10:53 No.18763241 Report

>>18760529

I'm so thankful for you dudes trying to help people, I couldn't do it

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:12:16 No.18763245 Report

Quoted By: >>18763248

>>18763235

ave you done anything other than one sigil? walk before you can run m8

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:13:57 No.18763248 Report

Quoted By: >>18763251

>>18763245

Meditated daily for atleast 2 years

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:15:21 No.18763251 Report

Quoted By: >>18763256 >>18763262

>>18763248

That's pretty decent.

Work on your sigilry.

Get good with divination.

THEN try Lemegeton.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:17:08 No.18763256 Report

Quoted By: >>18763263 >>18763269

>>18763251

this, with the possible exception of divination (not that it's not a good ability to train, just that I don't think it's necessary to be versed in it to successfully evoke.)

you can get pretty gr8 results out of sigils too, don't underestimate them

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:18:21 No.18763262 Report

Quoted By: >>18763266

>>18763251

Alright thanks. Any good guide to sigils?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:18:36 No.18763263 Report

Quoted By: >>18763268

>>18763256

I consider proficiency with one method of divination a prerequisite for most ceremonial work.

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The image is a sketch of a man's face, rendered in a realistic style. The man has a beard and mustache, and his hair is styled in a messy, tousled manner. His eyes are wide open, and he appears to be looking directly at the viewer. The background is a light beige color, which contrasts with the darker tones of the sketch. The artist's signature is visible in the lower right corner of the image. The style of the sketch is reminiscent of the post-impressionist movement, characterized by its use of loose, expressive lines and a focus on the emotional expression of the subject.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:19:29 No.18763266 Report

>>18763262

Agrippa.

Austin Osman Spare.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:20:55 No.18763268 Report

Quoted By: >>18763270

>>18763263

why?

I'm pretty experienced at tarot, and I can see why you would say that, but they seem to be sympatico either way, at least to me

although I did do ritual magick for some time before really delving into tarot, so my opinion is biased by that.

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace Bf4ldeGCUAEoTvu.jpg, 56KiB, 582x800

The image shows a handwritten page with various handwritten notes and symbols. The text is in a language that appears to be Arabic, and the handwriting is in a cursive script. The page is divided into three sections, each with a different heading and a series of bullet points.

The first section, labeled "a) Word Method," begins with the phrase "I wish to obtain the Neonomian," followed by a list of instructions. The second section, labeled "b) Pictorial Method," includes a description of a method to create an obverse and an inverse, and a request to meet a person named Suki. The third section, labeled "c) Ritual Method," includes a request to meet a person named Dusud, and a request to meet a person named Hami Emmer Kusad.

The page is framed by a brownish border, and the background is a light color, possibly beige or off-white. The handwriting is dense and the text is in a bold, black font. The style of the image is reminiscent of a sketchbook or a notebook, with the handwritten notes and symbols providing a visual representation of the written instructions.



Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:21:57 No.18763269 Report

Quoted By: >>18763302

>>18763256

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:22:30 No.18763270 Report

Quoted By: >>18763272 >>18763277

>>18763268

I mean, you can, there's nothing wrong with it, but you're not gonna be able to check unexpected results on the fly without some sort of divination tool.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:24:02 No.18763272 Report

>>18763270

that is definitely true

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:26:05 No.18763277 Report

Quoted By: >>18763281

>>18763270

what is your opinion on thelema, if I can posit a question?

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The image is a black and white portrait of a man with a beard and mustache. The man appears to be middle-aged with a serious expression. He is wearing a white shirt and a necktie. The photograph is taken from a slightly angled perspective, with the man's head slightly tilted to the left. The background is plain and does not provide any additional context or details. At the bottom of the image, there is text that reads "Ceylon, September, 1901." The style of the image is reminiscent of a historical photograph, possibly from an old book or magazine.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:27:14 No.18763281 Report

Quoted By: >>18763284

>>18763277

You're talking to an initiated Thelemite.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:29:33 No.18763284 Report

Quoted By: >>18763285

>>18763281

not surprised by that desu

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trying to work from what I would consider  $4=5$  to  $5=6$  right now

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace tumblr\_inline\_mgjwpoiMVZ1roqm64.jpg, 34KiB, 500x466

The image features a star-shaped graphic with a gradient from a darker shade at the top to a lighter shade at the bottom. The star is outlined in a darker shade, and the text "there was an attempt" is written in a bold, sans-serif font, which is black in color. The text is centered within the star shape, and the overall style of the image is simple and minimalistic, with a focus on the text. The image does not contain any additional elements or graphics, and the background is plain white. The style of the image is reminiscent of a meme or a social media post, often used to convey a humorous or ironic message.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:30:35 No.18763285 Report

>>18763284

er,  $5=4$

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:38:45 No.18763302 Report

Quoted By: >>18763323

>>18763269

Why does the austin sigil include vowel a too?

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:46:29 No.18763323 Report

Quoted By: >>18763364

>>18763302

spare had an extremely individualistic system

that pic is essentially cribbed from liber null, which is essentially about streamlined results oriented magick, theory wise

beyond that I couldn't tell you, from what I understand either would work so long as you don't recognize the initial intent behind the sigil and can charge it properly

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 07:08:32 No.18763364 Report

Quoted By: >>18763371

>>18763323

Oh I see.

So are there any corporate logos working as sigil in real life?

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 07:11:29 No.18763371 Report

Quoted By: >>18763378

>>18763364

all of em

egregore more than a sigil, those are implanted in the collective unconscious at this point

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The image is a black and white photograph featuring a creature that appears to be a hybrid of a human and a goat. The creature is standing upright on two legs, with its body oriented towards the left side of the frame. It has a goat-like head with large, curved horns and a humanoid body. The creature's skin is rough and uneven, with a texture that suggests it is made of a mixture of animal and human skin. It has a large, muscular body and a small, pointed snout. The creature's eyes are closed, and its mouth is open, revealing sharp teeth. The background is dark and out of focus, with trees and foliage visible, suggesting that the creature is in a forested area. There are no discernible texts or other objects in the image. The style of the image is reminiscent of a creature from folklore or mythology, with a focus on the creature's unique features and the contrast between its human and goat-like forms.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 07:13:37 No.18763378 Report

Quoted By: >>18763381

>>18763371

Ver interesting. My granpa warned me about getting into the occult rabbithole. Not sure if I want to see how deep it goes.

View SameGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace 1474658404352.jpg, 246KiB, 526x877

The image is a black and white illustration featuring a character with a hooded cloak. The character has long, straight hair that falls past their shoulders. They have a neutral expression with their eyes closed, and their mouth is slightly open. The character's face is partially obscured by the hood, and their skin appears to be pale. The hood covers the upper part of their head, and the cloak drapes over their shoulders and down their back. The character's attire suggests a sense of mystery or anonymity. The image is simple and lacks any discernible details, focusing solely on the character's face and attire.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 07:16:25 No.18763381 Report

Quoted By: >>18763389

>>18763378

it goes as deep as you can follow it

eventually it's the only thing that really gives you the I just climbed a mountain feeling, or equivalent, among other things

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 07:20:32 No.18763389 Report

Quoted By: >>18763398

>>18763381

Sounds good but also the thought of how the real life, advertising and hollywood stem from occult scares me.

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace f53ff4c19c0a96fc63851f3d31916aad.jpg, 76KiB, 564x564

The image displays a complex, symmetrical pattern composed of various symbols and numbers arranged in a circular arrangement. The pattern is composed of a series of concentric circles, each containing a different symbol or number. The symbols and numbers are arranged in a grid-like fashion, with each symbol or number occupying its own square. The symbols and numbers are interspersed with interlocking patterns, creating a sense of depth and complexity.

The symbols and numbers are arranged in a way that suggests a hierarchical or symbolic meaning, with some symbols appearing more prominent than others. The arrangement is symmetrical, with the central symbol or number being the most prominent and surrounded by smaller symbols and numbers.

The image is in black and white, which gives it a classic and timeless appearance. The text within the image is not legible due to the resolution and angle of the photograph. The overall style of the image is reminiscent of a traditional or esoteric symbol or text, possibly related to a specific tradition or belief system.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 07:24:08 No.18763398 Report

Quoted By: >>18763412

>>18763389

they're generally what we would consider lost or misguided, and not arrived anyway, or they wouldn't act the way they do also, if you don't see the fnords, how can you expect to resist the messages? they're not as good at it as you might think

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 07:30:25 No.18763412 Report

Quoted By: >>18763427

>>18763398

Yeah fuck it what do I have to lose. Im coming, Solomon.

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Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 07:36:48 No.18763427 Report

>>18763412

the mega archive in the OP is quality, if you don't know where to find texts that is a very good start

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 11:34:43 No.18763994 Report

Quoted By: >>18764215

>>18760448

>transcendentalism, be it dualist or nondualist, cuts to the quick faster than others, and that if one constructs as he did, one can rip down the veils of false perception.

MP said that? Holy shit

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 12:47:30 No.18764215 Report

Quoted By: >>18764447

>>18763994

I mean, that's what I understand him to be saying when he's in the intro talking about what he's doing and why he's doing it.

Don't get me wrong I don't think he's a mystic but the backbone of the text is concept that we're ruled by our perceptions which are variant due to biocultural factors. Getting from point A to point B requires a logically consistent transcendental idealism that rid his world of transcendence and opacity...hence the inspiration to write up his musings.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 14:14:14 No.18764447 Report

Quoted By: >>18764469

>>18764215

>point B

And how do you think he understands point b?

Thanks for taking the time to explain this to me, I should really just read him, but have a huge freaking reading list thanks in no small part to your library. I read world of perception some years back which i remember being a great accessible explanation of >>18764215

>our perceptions which are variant due to biocultural factors

but he doesn't have space to go beyond that much

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 14:18:55 No.18764469 Report

>>18764447

I'm just gonna read the intro tonight

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 16:05:41 No.18764908 Report

Quoted By: >>18764943

>>18756199

Ape if you not consider rude me asking you, do you belong any tradition, and if so which one?

Also what is your honest opinion about discordians and chaos magick?

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 16:13:30 No.18764943 Report

Quoted By: >>18764957

>>18764908

sorry forget the first part. i just saw you being a thelemite.

anyway wahat about discordians and chaos magick though?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 16:15:28 No.18764957 Report

Quoted By: >>18764976

>>18764943

David Gordon White, author of the second book in the OP, is the new hotness in the Chaos community.

Discordianism is fun.

Chaos can be very potent if applied correctly and isn't just memes.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 16:22:06 No.18764976 Report

>>18764957

thank for point that book up.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 17:45:39 No.18765380 Report

Quoted By: >>18765607

I have a hard time projecting, is there some kind of useful meditation or technique I could do?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 18:49:59 No.18765607 Report

Quoted By: >>18765635

>>18765380

Not really.

Crowley recommends Rising on the Planes.

I found \$cientology's tech (three feet back of your head) to be pretty decent.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 18:57:38 No.18765635 Report

Quoted By: >>18765646

>>18765607

Just checking in to say I find Rising on the Planes a particularly effective method.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:00:56 No.18765646 Report

Quoted By: >>18765654

>>18765635

I never got much of anywhere using Crowley's tech.

In the end I 'broke through' with the reverse, a "lowering" on the planes. My first AP felt like crashing through successive plywood floors until hitting like a membrane like layer and stepping OB.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:03:21 No.18765654 Report

Quoted By: >>18765662 >>18768818 >>18770747

>>18765646

Interesting. How about Aquino? What's your view on his tech/ him generally?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:06:07 No.18765662 Report

Quoted By: >>18765677 >>18765682 >>18768818 >>18770747

>>18765654

I'm HIGHLY sympathetic to Aquino and if I clung to my teenage edgelordieness I may have wound up a Temple of Set initiate.

My original commentary on Liber 7 was essentially an explication of the Sapphire Tablet of Set.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:09:34 No.18765677 Report

Quoted By: >>18765683 >>18770747

>>18765662

Ha. I almost did, as my trajectory took me from Xtianity, to standard atheism, to LaVey, to Aquino...etc. I suppose that's a fairly standard path for one who starts as a young teenager?

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:11:17 No.18765682 Report

Quoted By: >>18765686 >>18765699 >>18770747

>>18765662

Is your commentary in the library?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:11:25 No.18765683 Report

Quoted By: >>18765690 >>18770747

>>18765677

Um, I'd say it was common for a certain generation.

I got turned on to LaVey through organized online Atheism in the early 00's but only stayed infatuated for a short time.

Meanwhile I still get use out of Aquino well after LaVey outlived his usefulness.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:12:04 No.18765686 Report

>>18765682

Nope.

I think I've posted both early and late iterations of it, maybe, lemme go hunt on the archives.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:14:12 No.18765690 Report

Quoted By: >>18765699

>>18765683

I see. I would say LaVey outlived his usefulness for me, except when somebody asks me how magick actually works, and they have zero background or knowledge to understand a more complex source, I generally point them toward the Satanic Bible as a general-rundown type thing.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:17:43 No.18765699 Report

Quoted By: >>18765705 >>18765984 >>18770747

>>18765690

>Satanic Bible as a general-rundown type thing.

He was my first exposure to a somewhat stiff psychological model.

Interestingly that was published later in the same year that Turner's "The Ritual Process" was published, a high water mark in ritual anthropology, and covers much of the same "intellectual decompression" to the point where I'm pretty sure LaVey was using it.

>>18765682

Here's a link to excerpts from my old commentary:

<http://archive.4plebs.org/x/thread/14494044/#14506683>

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:20:33 No.18765705 Report

Quoted By: >>18765713 >>18765731

>>18765699

Yes, I never did believe LaVey was original... only in a very "I borrowed and stole so many ideas, and made up such a story about my own past, that nobody has ever compiled borrowed/stolen info in such a way before" kind of way. Thanks for the link!

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:25:44 No.18765713 Report

>>18765705

Blows me away how much of this is in line with David Chaim Smith years before I ever heard of the cat.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:26:28 No.18765717 Report

Quoted By: >>18765722 >>18765730

What is the foundation for a hopeful (non yet) initiate? Speaking in terms of what is to be read and understood?

I've had a copy of the complete works of Golden Dawn which I've passed along to a close friend curious of the book.

For whatever reason I couldn't get into it, I understand the lessons are embedded but the style of writing was of a snooty nature that I couldn't get past. I've read gnostic works; Nag Hammadi Library and various texts of antiquated faiths marginally practiced today; my intention is to take part in the great work, to heighten my understanding of reality and in turn offer what I can. I've snagged a dozen or so texts from the collective archive linked in OP but have no idea where to start or means of approach. The scope is boggling furthermore I can't shake the implicit simplicity of it all, such as a sequence of words or taking a thought from the right perspective opening the flood gates.

If I'm not worthy than I'm not worthy, it won't dissuade me at all as I'll continue on in the path of been trotting along.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:27:57 No.18765722 Report

>>18765717

yeah how that post appeared was misleading.

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace images.mobilism.org.png, 218KiB, 335x499

The image is a book cover with a predominantly white background. At the top,

there is a title in bold red and black text that reads "LORDS OF THE LEFT-HAND PATH." Below the title, in smaller black text, is the subtitle "FORBIDDEN PRACTICES & SPIRITUAL HERESIES." The author's name, "Stephen E. Flowers Ph.D.," is displayed in black text at the bottom.

In the center of the cover, there is an illustration of a hand holding a red apple. The hand is adorned with a snake, which is coiled around the apple. The snake has a brownish-black color and is depicted with its tongue sticking out. The snake's head is positioned above the apple, and its body extends from the hand to the apple.

To the left of the illustration, there is a pentagram, which is a five-pointed star with a cross at the top. The pentagram is white with a black outline. The overall style of the image is graphic and artistic, with a focus on the contrast between the white background and the colorful elements of the illustration. The text and the illustration are arranged in a way that draws the viewer's attention to the central image of the hand holding the apple.

FearlessVampireKiller !!9cX8at186Fr Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:30:09 No.18765726 Report  
Quoted By: >>18765741

Read this recently, contributing.

>From black magic and Satanism to Gnostic sects and Gurdjieff's Fourth Way, the left-hand path has been linked to many practices, cults, and individuals across the ages. Stephen Flowers, Ph.D., examines the methods, teachings, and historical role of the left-hand path, from its origins in Indian tantric philosophy to its underlying influence in current world affairs, and reveals which philosophers, magicians, and occult figures throughout history can truly be called "Lords of the Left-Hand Path."

Flowers explains that while the right-hand path seeks union with and thus dependence on God, the left-hand path seeks a "higher law" based on knowledge and power. It is the way of self-empowerment and true freedom. Beginning with ancient Hindu and Buddhist sects and moving Westward, he examines many alleged left-hand path groups, including the Cult of Set, the Yezidi Devil Worshipers, the Assassins, the Neoplatonists, the Hell-Fire Club, the Bolsheviks, the occult Nazis, and several heretical Sufi, Zoroastrian, Christian, and Muslim sects. Following a carefully crafted definition of a true adherent of the left-hand path based on two main principles--self-deification and challenge to the conventions of "good" and "evil"--the author analyzes many famous and infamous personalities, including H. P. Blavatsky, Faust, the Marquis de Sade, Austin Osman Spare, Aleister Crowley, Gerald Gardner, Anton LaVey, and Michael Aquino, and reveals which occult masters were Lords of the Left-Hand Path. Flowers shows that the left-hand path is not inherently evil but part of our heritage and our deep-seated desire to be free, independent, and in control of our destinies.

<http://www8.zippyshare.com/v/LmwRhEMq/file.html>

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:30:19 No.18765730 Report

Quoted By: >>18765741 >>18765942

>>18765717

If you've ACTUALLY read most of the Nag Hammadi library, read "Mirror of Simple Souls" and keep both Pistis Sophia and Thunder:Perfect Mind in your head as you read it.

That'll give you a solid Christian contemplative basis.

It's understandable to not be able to get into the GD papers. But after a certain point in the modern era they gotta be apprehended and dealt with because everything from Crowley through Andrew Chumley uses them as a basis and they themselves are an elaboration of Dr. John Dee's Hieroglyphic Monad.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:30:34 No.18765731 Report

Quoted By: >>18765766

>>18765705

Indeed. I gained a lot of insight from your commentary. THANK you!

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:32:54 No.18765741 Report

>>18765726

I have that in the house, got it secondhand. Flowers is always decent but in the

end it's "babby's first Western LHP" which isn't bad, but not what many of us need.

INTERESTINGLY it mentions >>18765730

>Mirror of Simple Souls  
repeatedly.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:40:24 No.18765766 Report  
>>18765731

No problem, that's not even the meat of it.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:47:27 No.18765781 Report  
Quoted By: >>18765795 >>18765799

>>18758904

>Why isn't this written on the cover of GD books?

Because that's just what the clowns in these threads have to tell themselves.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:51:34 No.18765795 Report

Quoted By: >>18765843

>>18765781

>Because that's just what the clowns in these threads have to tell themselves.

Except it's explicitly their Pentagrammaton, the original subject of M:TP's chapter on the Formula of the Neophyte before ThROA's revisions, and explicitly unpacked by their materials.

You're gonna need a citation for me if wanna say you've got a refutation of their usage.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:52:04 No.18765799 Report  
>>18765781

Don't worry, we have a resident J-0-0 hater, who also likes to make shit up.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:54:31 No.18765805 Report  
Quoted By: >>18765814 >>18765821

>>18760542

Your definition of the word "cult" is about as broad, sweeping, and ultimately useless as a feminist's definition of "rape".

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:56:31 No.18765814 Report

Quoted By: >>18765842

>>18765805

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=493pL\\_Vbtnc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=493pL_Vbtnc)

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:57:13 No.18765821 Report

Quoted By: >>18765824 >>18765845

>>18765805

A religion is just a cult that got too big for its britches. A true femanist is simply a person who believes men and women should be equal, so it looks like you have the same problem, yourself. Also See: >>18760541

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:58:36 No.18765824 Report  
>>18765821

\*feminist \*\*ARE equal

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:02:33 No.18765842 Report  
>>18765814

Somebody's gonna have to go back and get a shitload of dimes!

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:02:34 No.18765843 Report  
Quoted By: >>18765853 >>18765856

>>18765795

>It doesn't have anything to do with Yahweh and Jesus, it's about the ELEMENTS.

Look I can point to a passage in a book that PROVES it!

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:03:38 No.18765845 Report  
Quoted By: >>18765856 >>18765858 >>18765868

>>18765821

Go wash your mangina, you fucking cunt.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:04:54 No.18765853 Report  
Quoted By: >>18765867

>>18765843

That's quite the citation, friend. Took you an awful long time to find. Also,

what he's saying is, if we're talking about what it means in the context of GD, LITERALLY the only accurate source is within the GD texts themselves. Don't book, much?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:05:04 No.18765856 Report

Quoted By: >>18765867

>>18765843

I dunno how you can construe their usage of the keyword as mutually exclusive, especially considering their source(s), but ok.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5FSLgKD5J4>

>>18765845

^This.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:06:18 No.18765858 Report

Quoted By: >>18765869

>>18765845

Everybody is tough on the internet. It must be a very unfortunate existence, indeed, if you feel the need to prove yourself online.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:08:00 No.18765867 Report

Quoted By: >>18765872 >>18765885

>>18765853

>>18765856

The fact that Jesus and Yahweh have been dressed up in "drag elemental dresses" doesn't make it any less judeo/xian. That was the point you're missing.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:08:32 No.18765868 Report

Quoted By: >>18765884

>>18765845

Also

>ad hominem

The last resort of a guy who knows he is wrong but has too much ego to admit to it.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:09:05 No.18765869 Report

Quoted By: >>18765877

>>18765858

SAY THAT TO MY FACE THEN

MOTHERFUCKER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:10:09 No.18765872 Report

>>18765867

I don't think anybody was positing that. But you can indeed use the formulas without any belief in or affinity for judeo-christianity.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:11:23 No.18765877 Report

Quoted By: >>18765890

>>18765869

I hope you are just trolling. If not, you should take some time off from the computer, spend more time outside. Good luck, and I hope you get better soon.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:13:21 No.18765884 Report

Quoted By: >>18765888

>>18765868

Yup, I was wrong. EVERYBODY belongs to a cult because everything IS a cult. BTF0 by a guy who can't even spell "feminist" correctly.

FML.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:14:01 No.18765885 Report

Quoted By: >>18765893

>>18765867

I don't deny that, much of these formulaic usage appears derived from Hekhalot/Merkavah literature like Hekhalot Rabbati, Sefer Raziel, Sefer Yetzirah, etc.



Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:14:44 No.18765888 Report

Quoted By: >>18765900 >>18766336

>>18765884

Don't you have a flat earth thread, or a "jyews control the world" thread to be posting in? This is The Magick general, friend.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:15:23 No.18765890 Report

Quoted By: >>18765897 >>18765899

>>18765877

You just wait till I use my super-secret Cultus Sabbati cursing kit on you.

P.S You're still a fucking pussy.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:15:34 No.18765893 Report

>>18765885

>forgot my crunchy and relevant tune

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXCh90hDiCI>

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:17:28 No.18765897 Report

Quoted By: >>18765905

>>18765890

>Thinks you buy ready-made cursing kits

>feels tough for calling a woman a pussy.

Tell me, do you beat elderly women to prove how strong you are?

Now I know you are trolling.

View SameGoogleiqdbSauceNA0Trace 1458152277847.jpg, 90KiB, 720x960

The image shows a close-up of a human skull resting on a red cloth. The skull is white and appears to be old, with visible signs of wear and decay. It has a prominent nose and a small mouth. The skull is positioned on a wooden surface, which has a rustic appearance with visible wood grain.

In the background, there are various objects that suggest a setting that might be associated with a historical or supernatural theme. To the left, there is a jar with a red lid, and to the right, there is a metal bucket with a handle. The objects are arranged in a way that the skull is the central focus, with the other items providing context to the setting.

The image has a vintage or historical feel, with the wooden surface and the style of the objects contributing to this ambiance. There are no texts or discernible brands visible in the image. The style of the image is realistic with a focus on the skull, and it is taken in natural light, which casts soft shadows on the objects and the cloth.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:18:23 No.18765899 Report

Quoted By: >>18770238

>>18765890

You got the decoder ring too?

Remember to your Ritual slot to SA, Rite of the Turnskin :3

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQRGRR6Su4E>

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:18:38 No.18765900 Report

Quoted By: >>18765908 >>18765932

>>18765888

>This is The Magick general, friend

Yes, I know. I could tell by the nu-male smell in here.

It was you guys that convinced me to NEVER share e-books with anyone online anymore. You may think that's no big deal but I guarantee you that I've got a bunch you'd want. Congratulations!

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:19:53 No.18765905 Report

>>18765897

Your dresses and make-up don't make you a woman, despite what your friends on tumblr tell you.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:20:54 No.18765908 Report

Quoted By: >>18765915 >>18765978

>>18765900

Holy shit, Team Illuminati?

Want me to post the other half of the inner initiatory edition of Dragon Book of Essex's ritual gestures?

Nah, think I'll keep 'em for myself a bit longer.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:23:09 No.18765915 Report

Quoted By: >>18765928

>>18765908

Thanks for all you do, man. I feel like what you do here goes underappreciated sometimes. Despite attempts to de-rail, I'm sure you're used to it. Please don't EVER stop posting, as long as you can stand it!

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:26:36 No.18765928 Report

Quoted By: >>18765940

>>18765915

I mean, it's not like my goal with the library's essentially accomplished.

I could use an edition of Kalika Purana, Sveccarananda Tantra, clear scans of Film 12 in the Yorke materials, a couple of academic scans of Dee shit I should reassemble.

After the first ever public release of Tantraloka in English and the Yorke Microfilms online, I'm sorta alright with doing anything more significant than that.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:26:51 No.18765932 Report

Quoted By: >>18765982

>>18765900

2/10 for effort.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:28:45 No.18765940 Report

Quoted By: >>18765945

>>18765928

>I'm sorta alright with not doing anything more significant than that.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:29:12 No.18765942 Report

>>18765730

Exactly what I needed to read,, truly appreciate it, with the volume of texts available my head whirls from where to place my next step.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:29:33 No.18765945 Report

Quoted By: >>18765967

>>18765940

I can dig that.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:34:57 No.18765967 Report

>>18765945

I'm still gonna max out the gb limit on this library...and maybe buy an expansion at a later date if I can justify it.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:38:49 No.18765978 Report

Quoted By: >>18765985

>>18765908

Go ahead. There's nothing you can provide me with that I don't already have access to. \*wink wink\*

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:41:01 No.18765982 Report

>>18765932

>2/10

You're lucky. You wouldn't be able to take more than 2 of my 10 inches without it ripping your asshole anyway.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:41:21 No.18765984 Report

Quoted By: >>18765990

>>18765699

><http://archive.4plebs.org/x/thread/14494044/#14506683>

Am I right to see your notion of the will of the magister templi as somewhat similar to the sambogakhaya?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:41:30 No.18765985 Report

>>18765978

K.

Sure thing mate.

I can post pics of my rare unpublished typescripts from Helen Oliver's collection.

Can you?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:44:52 No.18765990 Report

Quoted By: >>18766022

>>18765984

>sambogakhaya

I mean, sorta?

There's no radiant living-death, but many of the other features are rather similar.

I'm of the fundamental position that Crowley doesn't "get" Buddhism, and this reflects in attempts to compare the two.

The Magister Templi is not the state of a Boddhisattva, but they're conceptually linked.

There's an 'externalization' factor here that is de-emphasized in Vajrayana in favor or less "around the bush" methods.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:55:01 No.18766022 Report

Quoted By: >>18766044

>>18765990

>Crowley doesn't "get" Buddhism

I don't have your knowledge of crowley, but i've thought this too, inasfar as he seems to me to have a kind of schopenhauery almost antinatal notion of buddhism. Do you think I' misreading him? what do you think Crowley misunderstands?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 21:00:22 No.18766044 Report

Quoted By: >>18766054 >>18766298

>>18766022

>schopenhauery

Makes since given he's one of Schope's intellectual inheritors (more like Schelling, but w/e).

>antinatal

I feel like he was at least trying harder than that.

I dunno, I just think he was rather too early in the English textual history to get coherent info. Remember, he lived most of his life before the Tut excavations and was handed his first legit tantra toward the end of his life(that we can verify).

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 21:02:28 No.18766054 Report

>>18766044

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8e5VSb3Gyo>

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 21:16:16 No.18766120 Report

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=siG32DcmCa8>

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 21:31:43 No.18766169 Report

>>18756642

Wonder what kind of mystical arts could be learned from studying the Codex Seraphinianus. Definitely seems like the one who made it had some knowledge of the occult. Probably should look into the Voynich Manuscript too.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 21:40:32 No.18766199 Report

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xw2MjRcV04g>

ns Sun 12 Mar 2017 22:12:04 No.18766298 Report

Quoted By: >>18766312 >>18766327

>>18766044

Haven't read schelling, my philosophy game is pretty weak. I suppose I ought to if transcendental idealism is so dang useful. What do you think of Spinoza?

The preface to Phenomenology of perception is brilliant by the way "The world is not an object such that I have in my possession the law of its making; it is the natural setting of, and field for, all my thoughts and all my explicit perceptions. Truth does not 'inhabit' only 'the inner man', or more accurately,

there is no inner man, man is in the world, and only in the world does he know himself. When I return to myself from an excursion into the realm of dogmatic common sense or of science, I find, not a source of intrinsic truth, but a subject destined to the world."

I only know the broadest outline of his biography but for what little it's worth I think he may well have been a mystic

>>18759927

>"Any logically consistent transcendental idealism rids the world of transcendence and opacity."

continues "...The world is precisely that thing of which we form a representation, not as men or as empirical subjects, but in so far as we are all one light and participate in the One without destroying its unity. Analytical reflection knows nothing of the problem of other minds, or of that of the world, because it insists that with the first glimmer of consciousness there appears in me theoretically the power of reaching some universal truth, and that the other person, being equally without thisness, location or body, the Alter and the Ego are one and the same in the true world which is the unifier of minds." and there are plenty of other passages I could quote with a similar flavour

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 22:16:01 No.18766312 Report

Quoted By: >>18766327

>>18766298

>What do you think of Spinoza?

Babby's first tier.

>>18766298

>I only know the broadest outline of his biography but for what little it's worth I think he may well have been a mystic

Hence why I lean on Merleau-Ponty as well as Levinas's Totality and Infinity.

Phenomenology of Perception is easily the best instance of naked deductive philosophy in generations.

>and there are plenty of other passages I could quote with a similar flavour I picked the 'consistent' quote because it's the shortest summation of the concepts played with.

I'll warn, though, it gets SUPER basic and dry and philosophy-y in the next couple chapters using visual perspective as the basis of further exploration. Brew some coffee if you wanna push through it.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 22:20:20 No.18766327 Report

Quoted By: >>18766371

>>18766312

>>18766298

It's also probably relevant to you, NS, that Phenomenology of Perception is more or less in total agreement with Abhidhamma, and its speculation on mental constructs and aggregates.

Abhinavagupta (to digress) makes the West look like flailing droopy-eyed children by being something like eight hundred years ahead of Godel and ALMOST 700 ahead of Mendel.

Pay attention to your South Asian masters. They knew shit from fuck about things we're just now starting to grapple with.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 22:23:35 No.18766336 Report

Quoted By: >>18766358

>>18765888

Ape, it's kinda funny. You want to be the bigger man, but you resort to the same mocking tactics that the common 'shill' uses, and have a 'unique' tendency to shout down any dissenting opinions. It's really rather funny how you try to make yourself out to be just an innocent practitioner, but when people start trying to correct you or bring up facts on certain things, you flip out and start lashing out against them and anyone with similar views. It really makes the old

neurons fire at an increased pace.

View SameGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace genwar.png, 270KiB, 620x1001

The image is a black and white photograph featuring a person standing against a red background. The person is wearing a black outfit that includes a black mask with a red X on the forehead, a black turtleneck, and black pants. They are holding a large, black, curved object in their right hand, which appears to be a weapon, possibly a sword or a knife. The person's left hand is also visible, holding a small, black object that could be a button or a buttonhole. The person's stance is confident, with their right leg slightly bent and their left arm resting on their hip. The overall style of the image is dramatic and intense, with a strong contrast between the black clothing and the red background. There are no visible texts or additional elements in the image.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 22:27:19 No.18766358 Report

>>18766336

So, I'm gonna say that's not me then you're gonna say prove it then I'm gonna post the screencap then you're gonna say it's altered then I'm gonna say posting my opinion isn't shouting down anyone in a general thread then you're gonna accuse me of being enraged then I'm gonna post a music vid from the early 90's and we're gonna be back at square one so let's just save some time and skip that cycle.

Sound good?

ns Sun 12 Mar 2017 22:30:27 No.18766371 Report

>>18766327

noted, thanks

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 01:59:15 No.18766940 Report

well...this is the biggest piece of knowledge i've come across and as a non native english speaker i must say that (trying to) read this will be a wild ride so kudos to OP and thanks for the share

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 02:34:53 No.18767006 Report

>>18760492

Are you excited about the new expansion for Stellaris? It looks like they are totally changing internal politics

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 03:32:29 No.18767121 Report

Thank to all of you for keeping this general alive. Just skimming and lurking in it gives me motivation to read up on more and learn more and practice more occult.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 04:27:54 No.18767205 Report

>>18756199

OP can you give me a brief summary of the aftermath of a summoning,

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 10:32:02 No.18767918 Report

Bump because the 'clowns are nephilim/nephilim are clowns' troll is getting boring.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 12:15:58 No.18768170 Report

Quoted By: >>18768177

Why its recommended to destroy the sigil asao instead of holding on to it?

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 12:19:26 No.18768177 Report

Quoted By: >>18768182

>>18768170

the entire point of destroying it is releasing its energy and letting it go, holding onto it serves no purpose

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 12:21:33 No.18768182 Report

Quoted By: >>18768262

>>18768177

The psychonaut pdf said that it would grow like gremlin if not destroyed.

What if I make a small cut of blood before I burn it. Would it give it more power?

View SameGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace 6912759.jpg, 522KiB, 682x680

The image is a vibrant and intricate piece of digital art that appears to be a digital illustration or a digital painting. It features a central figure with a large, detailed eye surrounded by a halo-like structure. The eye is surrounded

by a swirl of colors, including shades of blue, orange, and yellow, and is set against a backdrop of geometric patterns in shades of blue, purple, and yellow. Surrounding the eye are various other elements that contribute to the overall composition. There are stylized representations of birds and other forms, some of which are in motion, suggesting a sense of energy or movement. The art style is reminiscent of psychedelic or trippy art, characterized by its use of bright colors, abstract shapes, and intricate patterns.

The image does not contain any discernible text or logos, and the style is highly stylized, with a focus on the interplay of colors and shapes rather than on realistic details. The overall impression is one of a dreamlike or surrealistic scene, possibly intended to evoke a sense of wonder or to stimulate the viewer's imagination.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 12:29:39 No.18768204 Report  
Bump.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 12:49:21 No.18768262 Report  
Quoted By: >>18768788  
>>18768182

it growing and it working are two different things, and the more energy you put into anything the more drastic your results

in theory

i'm only here because i was with a pagan girl and a bunch of crazy shit happened, i only remember some of what she told me

everything else is just personal experience

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The image is a digital collage with a surrealistic and abstract style. It features a group of people in suits and ties, some of whom are holding objects that resemble cameras or cameras. The central figure is a triangle with a golden eye, which is surrounded by a halo-like glow. The background is a blend of red and gold hues, with a wreath-like design. The text "First Light" is overlaid on the image, suggesting a theme or title. The overall composition is chaotic and the image has a grainy texture, giving it a vintage or aged appearance.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 13:37:04 No.18768462 Report  
>H. RES. 642

>>>Recognizing magic as a rare and valuable art form and national treasure.

>IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

>March 14, 2016

>Mr. Sessions (for himself, Mr. Stivers, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Donovan, Mr. Dent, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Buck) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-resolution/642/text>

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 14:05:02 No.18768574 Report  
Quoted By: >>18768862  
>>18756199

Ape, curious about your solution for the Sphinx switch of the Man and the Eagle in the Thoth Tarot. I'm not satisfied with any of the various solutions I've seen published here and there. Gunther one is especially awful, have to say.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 15:08:01 No.18768788 Report  
Quoted By: >>18769250  
>>18768262

I'd like to hear some of these stories.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 15:17:00 No.18768818 Report  
Quoted By: >>18768862  
>>18765654  
>>18765662

What's with all of the dark stories and conspiracies surrounding him?  
He seems like he's powerful enough to get away with all that shit, so I don't

know what to make of it.

View SameGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace q8DPF1i.jpg, 33KiB, 500x338

The image depicts a scene of a road with a fire burning in the distance. The fire is visible as a large, bright orange and yellow plume, which is the most prominent feature in the image. The fire is situated on the left side of the road, with the smoke rising into the sky. The road itself is a two-lane highway, and there is a car on the right side of the road, moving away from the fire. The surrounding environment includes trees and hills, and the sky is overcast with a hazy quality. There are no visible texts or discernible brands in the image. The style of the image is a candid photograph, capturing a moment in time without any artistic filters or alterations.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 15:32:33 No.18768861 Report

Quoted By: >>18768868 >>18768962

[http://dboe.wikia.com/wiki/Dragon\\_Book\\_of\\_Essex\\_Wikia](http://dboe.wikia.com/wiki/Dragon_Book_of_Essex_Wikia)

Anyone here responsible for this?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 15:32:52 No.18768862 Report

Quoted By: >>18769138 >>18770747

>>18768818

>What's with all of the dark stories and conspiracies surrounding him?

Dark stories and conspiracies.

I offer the total archives of the Scroll of Set, where Aquino gives a month-by-month running commentary of the "Presidio" scandal from, what 1986? Until it ends entirely. The article string is called "A Tree in the North", you can find it in the Scroll of Set's index.

>>18768574

>Gunther one is especially awful, have to say.

That's because Gunther's a fuckwit.

See Liber 418:

>Shriek, therefore, shriek aloud; mingle the roar of the gored lion and the moan of the torn bull, and the cry of the man that is torn by the claws of the Eagle, and the scream of the Eagle that is strangled by the hands of the Man. Mingle all these in the death-shriek of the Sphinx, for the blind man hath profaned her mystery. Who is this, Oedipus, Tiresias, Erinyes? Who is this, that is blind and a seer, a fool above wisdom? Whom do the hounds of heaven follow, and the crocodiles of hell await? Aleph, Vau, Yod, Ayin, Resh, Tau, is his name.

>Beneath his feet is the Kingdom, and upon his head the Crown. He is spirit and matter; he is peace and power; in him is Chaos and Night and Pan; and upon BABALON his concubine, that hath made him drunk upon the blood of the saints that she hath gathered in her golden cup, hath he begotten the virgin that now he doth deflower. And this is that which is written: Malkuth shall be uplifted and set upon the throne of Binah. And this is the stone of the philosophers that is set as a seal upon the Tomb of Tetragrammaton, and the elixir of life that is distilled from the blood of the saints, and the red powder that is the grinding up of the bones of Choronzon.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 15:34:27 No.18768866 Report

Quoted By: >>18768905

Could you upload volume 2 of "Masonry Illustrated, The Complete Ritual etc", the one you have on there only goes up to the 18th degree

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 15:35:11 No.18768868 Report

Quoted By: >>18768962

>>18768861

Me.

I've yet to post all my notes.

<http://archive.4plebs.org/x/thread/18131927/#18134112>

The principle owner of the website was a Golden Dawn initiate who bowed out of the practice while I continued, reaching the festival of One Year and a Day this last solstice, conferring the second degree of Mastery of the system.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 15:47:01 No.18768905 Report  
>>18768866

If you can find me a copy of it, yeah, I'd be happy to.

I know my Freemasonry files are incomplete, but last I went on a smash and grab (and it's been a while) it wasn't like there were complete copies of Collectanea or anything floating around.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:00:47 No.18768962 Report

>>18768868

>>18768861

One of the most major changes that needs to be made is the discussion on the Serpent Watchers.

There's a fuckload going on and I was trying to synchretize to hard early on to just get a handle on who/what the principle Mothers and Fathers of Wytchblood were.

After a year of work, research, ritual, and study, I've got solid answers (Serpentary as per TAN unless otherwise directed for the rite you're on, but the four quarters are guarded by the Agrippan Infernal Principalities, period).

Beyond that I think my comment on the rites cuts off shortly before LA in my notes. I need to write up a commentary on TAN and HUA, but Tan is simply Sabbatick Headless Rite (I invoke thee, who didst....etc.) keyed the infernal principalities. Notice....SA is Spring Equinox....TAN is Fall. SA-TAN.

Hua's more shamanic styled work. Shame I didn't have a full human body to chop up. Bone fragments had to suffice.

I could write a three volume series trying to explain the Dragon Book of Essex at this point.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:03:41 No.18768974 Report

>>18760066

This sounds like Megami Tensei

View SameGoogleiqdbSauceNA0Trace Bowie Sphix.jpg, 10KiB, 205x245

The image is a close-up photograph of a person's face and upper body. The individual has long, dark hair and is wearing a metallic, ornate helmet with a circular emblem on the front. The helmet has a prominent, circular emblem with a design that includes a stylized face and what appears to be a stylized letter 'C'. The person is also wearing a necklace with a large, ornate pendant. The background is a gradient of blue, transitioning from a lighter shade at the top to a darker shade at the bottom. The lighting in the image is soft, casting a gentle glow on the person's face. There are no discernible texts or additional objects in the image. The style of the image is reminiscent of a historical or fantasy-themed portrait, with a focus on the person's attire and the helmet.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:17:15 No.18769036 Report

Quoted By: >>18769044

Do any modern Golden Dawn organisations have anything going for them, or are they all LARP groups?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:20:08 No.18769044 Report

Quoted By: >>18769059 >>18769153

>>18769036

Ciceros?

Stella Matutina still carries the torch.

Hope you're in Europe.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:24:14 No.18769059 Report

>>18769044

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iW1jxJ6ISks>

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:45:10 No.18769138 Report

Quoted By: >>18769147

>>18768862

Interesting, Liber LXV also says something Bout the Eagle and the Man united, and something about the Fool. What is your interpretation about all this?

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The image is a stylized illustration of a bird, which appears to be a type of raptor, possibly a hawk or a falcon, based on its design. The bird is depicted with a predominantly green body, white underparts, and a black head. The body of the bird is adorned with a pattern of green and white feathers, and it has a long, pointed beak. The bird's legs are yellow, and it has a single, long, pointed tail. The background of the image is black, which contrasts with the bird's colors and makes it stand out. There are no texts or other discernible objects in the image. The style of the illustration is reminiscent of ancient Egyptian art, with its use of geometric shapes and stylized lines.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:47:45 No.18769147 Report

Quoted By: >>18769249

>>18769138

The 'Bâ' (b3) was everything that makes an individual unique, similar to the notion of 'personality'. (In this sense, inanimate objects could also have a 'Bâ', a unique character, and indeed Old Kingdom pyramids often were called the Bâ of their owner). The Bâ is an aspect of a person that the Egyptians believed would live after the body died, and it is sometimes depicted as a human-headed bird flying out of the tomb to join with the Ka in the afterlife.

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The image is a color photograph featuring a person with a distinctive style. The individual is wearing a green and white striped headscarf, which is adorned with a gold-colored circular headpiece. The person's hands are clasped together in front of them, with their fingers slightly curled. They are also wearing a gold-colored ring on their left hand and a gold-colored bracelet on their right wrist. The person's face is partially obscured by a pair of dark sunglasses. The background is a plain, light-colored surface, which contrasts with the vibrant colors of the person's attire. The style of the image is reminiscent of fashion photography, with a focus on the individual's unique accessories and attire.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:48:54 No.18769153 Report

Quoted By: >>18769166

>>18769044

I'm a bong, are there any functioning in the East Midlands?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:54:24 No.18769166 Report

Quoted By: >>18769562

>>18769153

>East Midlands

Irelands local bodies are legit.

I mean, that's closer than Spain, Italy, or Portugal.

Just don't get caught up with David Griffin's (HOGD-A0) shit, eh?

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:55:22 No.18769170 Report

>>18756931

In the true religion there is no sect, therefore take heed that thou blaspheme not the name by which another knoweth his God; for if thou do this thing in Jupiter thou wilt blaspheme יהוה and in Osiris יהושׁוּ. Ask and ye shall have! Seek, and ye shall find! Knock, and it shall be opened unto you!

<https://hermetic.com/crowley/libers/lib30>

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 17:12:43 No.18769249 Report

>>18769147

So you would say that the switch only tries to imply this? The rest of attributions remains the same?

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 17:12:47 No.18769250 Report

Quoted By: >>18769362

>>18768788

it's a long story, you sure you want to hear it?

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 17:36:06 No.18769362 Report

Quoted By: >>18769519 >>18769573 >>18769612 >>18769621 >>18769669

>>18769250

Yes! I'm always up for magic/occult related stories.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 18:19:08 No.18769519 Report

Quoted By: >>18769968

>>18769362

well i'm high so i can't promise this will be good, but i'll give it a go

since i was a kid i've always had weird experience, lucid dreams, sleep paralysis, dreams that would come true, out of body experiences, always saying things just before people said them

people tell me i always know exactly how to hurt them, and how to make them feel better

deja vu when i was on a vacation, that didn't seem significant

just a lot of things, but nothing worth really taking note of

on my 22nd birthday i had an intense pcg trip, i blacked out after a lot of deja vu and when i snapped out of it i was in the middle of having sex and i had no idea how i got there it was like waking up from a dream

like my body had been going, but i was gone everything faded back in from nothingness

after sex i was still feeling out of it, i tried to write to get my mind off of what was going on

and i started to auto write, i wrote about how i was going to meet a girl and she was going to tell me what she thought i was and would make me remember

i wrote about what she would look like, and i wrote about where she was from

and i thought it was crazy so i just shrugged it off and blamed drugs

years later i ended up meeting her, and we had a weird instant connection

she started saying the things i wrote about, and i told her she was

so she started thinking about doing a past life ritual, and i was stupid i thought she was joking

i told her it was a bad idea, but i also just laughed about it thinking nothing would happen

and then she did it

i dreamt about the ocean for 3 days the tide came in, closer every night

on the first night there was a turtle on the beach, the second there was a stringed instrument not a guitar something older and it had a peacock carved into it

the night the tide swept me away there was a tiger on the shore

the next day the "memories" started

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 18:29:08 No.18769562 Report

>>18769166

know any gd'ers in toronto?

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 18:31:17 No.18769573 Report

Quoted By: >>18769968

>>18769362

for an entire year i remembered a life from earliest childhood memories until death in rome, and part of me found it funny because i was there when i had the deja vu on vacation

the intensity of it made me feel crazy, i ended up begging her to do the same to my fiancée

so she did, and the three of us tested each other on shared memories, and talked about them

with all of the feelings still lingering it was strange

during that time i had a dream about a deer that i followed through the woods to a temple covered in vines, and i went inside and there were statues carved in wood that looked like a party frozen in time

they were holding goblets for wine, fauns centaurs, and a lot of women

i walked around looking at them, some of them were holding instruments and i climbed these stairs up to a table covered in grapes

when i woke up i told her about it, and she told me it sounded like dionysus was calling to me

she said if i wanted i could try making an offering and asking him what he wanted

i was high and it seemed like a decent enough idea so i did, and then before bed while i was drunk i did it again because that seemed like a good idea

that night i dreamt of dionysus sitting in the garden and calling me out to speak with him, he was completely calming even though part of me felt terrified

and he told me all of the good things that would happen if i accepted him, and how i'd go mad if i didn't

then he walked me back to my bed where i fell asleep in my dream and woke up in real life

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 18:41:38 No.18769612 Report

Quoted By: >>18769968

>>18769362

anyway that's all calmed down now, or become normal i'm not sure which

there were dionysian rituals in the memories too, they started to be a thing after i had another visitation dream

from a guy who looked really young, seemed really old with a black goat and a white goat

he told me to think about the offer, and showed me an alternative to accepting

anyway the memories still linger, they stopped being so intense after a suicide attempt, then easy to deal with after chronic illness set in

i have all of this free time as a result so i figured i'd try to learn about the things she was into to try to find answers and just to know

it's like an occult science experiment for me i guess

my ex went kind of crazy, all women always end up acting crazy after they've been around me too long and then blame me for it

so i've had no one to learn anything from and it's hard to find people who know what they're talking about

i've been here before i was told to read books, but actually sitting down and reading didn't work out

the memories have been nagging me lately so i'm back around

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 18:44:10 No.18769621 Report  
>>18769362

i also keep feeling like something is happening so i keep wondering why, and have no idea where to look to actually find anything

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 18:58:04 No.18769669 Report  
Quoted By: >>18769968  
>>18769362

one other thing my ex was convinced venus had a soft spot for me, she said it like that

told me that praying to her would work too, but i've never had any dreams or anything as far as she goes

my ex just really believed that, i'm not sure why

that's the abridged version, still really long  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 19:47:00 No.18769871 Report  
[https://youtu.be/6zDT\\_uGYdVs](https://youtu.be/6zDT_uGYdVs)  
Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 20:19:40 No.18769968 Report  
Quoted By: >>18770229  
>>18769519  
>>18769573  
>>18769612  
>>18769669

I think I remember you from past /omg/ threads asking questions about Dionysian. Do you remember the details on the past life ritual or the Dionysian rituals? I'm assuming you can't find these online so it would be interesting to read about. Also what's your ethnicity and nationality if you're comfortable with sharing.

Thanks for sharing and post more stories if you are feeling generous.  
Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:19:57 No.18770229 Report  
Quoted By: >>18770234  
>>18769968

good memory, i had plans to do research and then i went on a hard drug binge for a while instead

i never saw her do the ritual i just know about a dagger and a candle, it was in january 5 years ago, mid-january i think, and then again in may or something like that

i'm rarely sober my days blur together and i've been like this for years so it's hard for me to give exact times

i tried to look the ritual up at one point, couldn't find it so i asked her and she told me it came to her in a dreams

my memories of the rituals are vivid and hazy, apparently i had a really bad drug and alcohol problem then too and drinking was part of the ritual

i remember drinking blood mixed with wine and honey, having sex with women who were covered in blood after they killed animals in the woods

among other things, basic shit i guess, but when i first had the memories i had no idea this has all been a crash course into things i never gave a second thought to honestly

i remember more details than that, but i'm sure you could imagine why i'm not up for rehashing those

issue is they still have lingering sentiment

my fiance dreamt about symbols painted in blood, woke up and drew some of them they were old alchemy symbols, some measurements some ingredients but not many and nothing cohesive

still might have them somewhere i'm not sure, but probably i have things scattered everywhere

i'm a disorganized mess and i've moved around a lot, so my things are scattered across two states

as far as i know based on other family members' research everything goes back to spain and italy

i only don't know about my grandmother on my father's side

she actually died right before my parents found out they were having me

my mother dreamt about her throughout the entire pregnancy telling her everything would be ok, smiling and saying to her "i know what you're having"

my mother found them comforting, she had a miscarriage a few months before she found out she was having me

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The image is a close-up photograph of a person's face, which appears to be a man, with a blurred background that suggests a dimly lit environment. The person's mouth is open, revealing teeth, and they are smiling. The person is wearing glasses and a red shirt. Overlaid on the image is a text that reads "Revving intensifies" in a stylized font, with the word "Intensifies" in a larger font size than the rest of the text. The overall style of the image is informal and seems to be a meme or a humorous image.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:21:27 No.18770234 Report

Quoted By: >>18770260

>>18770229

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>i remember drinking blood mixed with wine and honey, having sex with women who were covered in blood after they killed animals in the woods

>among other things, basic shit i guess

Oh, youth. How I pine for thee again.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:22:27 No.18770238 Report

Quoted By: >>18770266

>>18765899

What is the first ritual of the cultus saabati that one should perform if one wants to contact that current?

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:26:35 No.18770260 Report

Quoted By: >>18770277

>>18770234

you miss drinking blood in the woods?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:28:31 No.18770266 Report

Quoted By: >>18770411

>>18770238

It's sorta not that simple.

How much money do you have to spend on ritual tools?

Or, how accessible are graves to rob?

It also depends on your means of approach. The simplest is with toad-bone, as there's fewer tool gathering requirements. Also, Dragon Book of Essex assumes a Quadrigan Covine, so unless you have three other people be prepared to be in the woods for five hours at a time.

The Dragon book of Essex starts with the Rite of Ka, the Right of the Hieros

Gamos. You bleed and orgasm into a wooden or glass vessel every day for thirty days with oration usually between Oct and Nov. for a ritual that takes place on the Solstice (The Rite of I, or The Rite of the Black Sun, or the Rite of the Draconian Oracle).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EBAzLNJon08>

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:30:11 No.18770277 Report

Quoted By: >>18770298 >>18770314

>>18770260

You don't?

>>18758568

><https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Htl3XWUhUOM>

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:34:44 No.18770298 Report

Quoted By: >>18770326

>>18770277

i typically prefer to keep my blood drinking to one person and in bed

i'm aware of what the whole thing sounds like, but i don't have any control over the things that were remembered

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:38:38 No.18770314 Report

Quoted By: >>18770326

>>18770277

the memories are blurred with a lot of opium and alcohol abuse, apparently i haven't changed much

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The image is a black and white photograph featuring a group of individuals in a dimly lit room. The central figure is a person with a back turned to the camera, who appears to be in a seated position. This individual is facing a group of people who are standing and facing the seated person. The standing individuals are facing the seated person, and they seem to be engaged in a conversation or discussion. The seated person is wearing a white garment, and the standing individuals are wearing what appears to be casual clothing. The lighting in the room is subdued, with the focus on the seated person and the group of people facing them. There are no discernible texts or logos in the image. The style of the photograph is reminiscent of classic portraiture, with a focus on the human form and the interaction between the subjects.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:40:36 No.18770326 Report

Quoted By: >>18770342

>>18770298

>>18770314

>he doesn't opium fueled blood-orgies in the untamed wilds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lZcVNLD-YY>

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:45:42 No.18770342 Report

Quoted By: >>18770382

>>18770326

well no one could ever accuse you of being helpful

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:53:37 No.18770374 Report

Quoted By: >>18770400

><https://www.samharris.org/podcast/item/meaning-and-chaos>  
occultists btfo at 50:41

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:54:56 No.18770382 Report

Quoted By: >>18770397

>>18770342

<https://youtu.be/OW3onAipnzQ>

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Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:59:42 No.18770397 Report

Quoted By: >>18770410

>>18770382

me too, at least i didn't expect to find anyone with actual insight into what happened here

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:00:20 No.18770400 Report

Quoted By: >>18770472

>>18770374

This is typical Sam Harris, a nice whataboutism about the ineffecualness of making heads or tails of mystical concerns when he cares enough about it to become a neuroscientist of mystical states, as if his phenomenology is the only phenomenology worth anyone's time.

I love that Harris calls out Crowley as sketchy without having offering any functional critique of the methods and praxes, while speaking of Hall as if the man offers practical instruction rather than history too old for it's own good.

I mean, I could just post Harris' own talk "On the Dangers of Atheism" and point out how badly he's following his own advice or McKenna's "Skepticism and the Balkanization of Epistemology" but even that seems like too much work in the face of a criticism no deeper than "nuh uh".

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:02:17 No.18770410 Report

Quoted By: >>18770458

>>18770397

I wasn't there to record, mate.

I could go on about the Dionysian aspects of Thelemic initiation and the ritual year, but I don't think it's super applicable to your story.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:02:19 No.18770411 Report

Quoted By: >>18770429 >>18770459

>>18770266

I've received indications that I should do both of those things (toad bone and the rite of Ka). I also have theoretical access to human remains and a fair amount of cash. The ritual partner thing is more complicated but I've been guided to people before. Should I perhaps start with the toad bone stuff as I wait for the "ritual year" to start?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:06:27 No.18770429 Report

Quoted By: >>18770482

>>18770411

>Should I perhaps start with the toad bone stuff as I wait for the "ritual year" to start?

That's what I'd do.

Find a frog.

Kill it.

String it up on a thornbush to die.

Maybe run Crowley's Cross of the Frog.

Once dead take to an anthill.

Let it strip the flesh clean.

You need the scapula and the ilium.

String these onto a rosary.

See:

>ONE: The Grimoire of the Golden Toad

>Leaper Between

For further information.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:12:03 No.18770458 Report

Quoted By: >>18770472

>>18770410

not applicable in what way? i don't even know what you're talking about honestly

my knowledge doesn't extend very far past my personal experiences, half listening to my ex, research a friend of mine did but she was mostly looking at historical facts, and some stuff this woman i know who converted to christianity after getting into the occult told me

i can tell you aren't taking me seriously, but i'm not some /x/ larper, i'm trying to figure this all out because my get high and hope it goes away method

hasn't worked and i've been getting a nagging feeling about everything lately  
Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:12:04 No.18770459 Report  
Quoted By: >>18770482  
>>18770411

We'll, where are you?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:18:31 No.18770472 Report  
Quoted By: >>18770491  
>>18770400

I feel compelled to laugh at this the more I think about it.

The hilarious parts in all this are that I could swap out Crowley for whichever Buddhist commentators are Harris' favorite for large chunks of the phenomenology that Harris is interested in (Oceanic consciousness), and then write off the stuff that tickles his thinker as "irrelevant ancient concerns" and literally have equal footing with Harris in terms of sophistication of argument.

Further, it betrays Harris' fundamental ignorance of the author he's shitposting given their perspective on "religion" as the masses practice it are more related than the vast majority of other mystics, given AC proclaimed Russell's critique of Christianity as Gospel, liking it so much that he wrote a massive commentary thereon using his voluminous Biblical knowledge to justify the whole thing.

>>18770458

>i can tell you aren't taking me seriously

No, I just can't say anything definite with as few details. I've seen/done/been through some shit. If I had all of everyone's answers I wouldn't be on fuckpostchan, that's for sure.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:22:00 No.18770482 Report  
>>18770429

Thanks dawg. You've been more helpful to me over the years than you know.

>>18770459

East coast us

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:25:49 No.18770491 Report  
Quoted By: >>18770585  
>>18770472

i'm not expecting answers, looking for them sure, but i don't expect anything to just be handed to me

part of my issue is direction, all of this happened and things haven't just gone away, i figured maybe they would

anyway i haven't seen the person who could point me in one direction or another in 4 years and this is all something i've never had a lot of exposure to

i'm not sure what to do with it, and i don't know what direction to look in either

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:51:08 No.18770585 Report  
Quoted By: >>18770646  
>>18770491

Why don't you read some books, bear down and focus so you can build the scaffolding necessary to understand the experiences. This thread literally gives you access to a priceless collection of esoteric texts

View SameOCRGoogleIqdbSauceNA0Trace born-to-think-world-is-absurd-su (...).png, 112KiB, 500x561

The image is a black and white photograph featuring a man with a serious expression. He is wearing a coat and has a cigarette in his mouth. The man's gaze is directed towards the camera, and his hair is styled in a short, combed-back style. The background is blurred, suggesting an urban setting.

At the top of the image, there is a text overlay in a bold, sans-serif font that reads "BORN TO THINK WORLD IS ABSURD." Below this, in a smaller font, is the phrase "Suicide Em All 1942" followed by "I am Sisyphus Man" and "410.757.864.530" in a smaller font. The text is arranged in a way that suggests a list or a list of numbers.



The overall style of the image is reminiscent of a meme or a social media post, with the text and the image of the man being the central elements. The monochrome color scheme adds to the dramatic and serious tone of the image.  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:51:21 No.18770587 Report  
Quoted By: >>18770603  
>tfw you find out you accidentally had a hand in flaming the David Griffin/DMKU/Wicca wars.

Life is absurd.

Hail Eris.

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Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:53:43 No.18770603 Report

Quoted By: >>18770612 >>18770628

>>18770587

Holy shit I was literally right about to post about that. What the fuck happened to that shit? Why does the phrase "octarine spring" make me so geeked out?

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The image is a split-screen graphic with two separate panels. On the left, there is a black silhouette of a person with a surprised expression, looking at the right side of the image. The person has a speech bubble with the text "So are you a liberal or a conservative?" The right side of the image features a stylized, colorful, and abstract representation of a pyramid with a blue and purple hue, and a triangular shape with a jagged edge. The pyramid is tilted to the right and appears to be in motion. Below the pyramid, there is a text bubble with the text "I hate humans and want a meme-based economy." The background of the image is white, and there is a black outline around the image, which suggests it is a digital or digital art piece. The overall style of the image is humorous and satirical, with a focus on political and economic themes.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:55:35 No.18770612 Report

Quoted By: >>18770628

>>18770603

Stay calm and Hail Eris.

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The image is a series of four panels, each depicting a character with a unique visual element. The character in the top left panel is holding an apple with the letter "K" on it. The character in the top right panel has an eye with a triangle above it, and the character in the bottom left panel has an eye with a triangle below it. The character in the bottom right panel has an apple with the letter "K" on it. The background of each panel is a green grassy area. The text in the image includes "#LOCKDOWNNAVIGUES" and "@lockdownninjas". The style of the image is a cartoon or comic strip, with a simple, clean line drawing style.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:59:39 No.18770628 Report

Quoted By: >>18770668 >>18770680 >>18770709

>>18770603

>>18770612

>And this story has it all: black magicians drunk with power, pretending to be harmless chaos magicians; civil war; race issues; a master magician armed with the sword of knowledge determined to free mankind from enslavement from black magicians.

<http://gleamingsfromthedawn.blogspot.com/2016/02/occult-fiction-of-david-griffin-hashtag.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01oQgLI7WHc>

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:01:42 No.18770646 Report

Quoted By: >>18770669

>>18770585

that's easier said than done when you're a druggie and a drunk with a hectic life

besides how do i know what books would even worth reading in my situation? and what order do i read them in? having a lot of information doesn't make choosing

information any easier

i wish i could just find another woman who wants to sleep with me who knows this kind of thing and will just tell me it all without me having to think or function on my own, or a guy i'm not picky

i'm really probably the worst person an experience like this could've been wasted on to be honest

i'm not particularly functional

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:08:37 No.18770668 Report

Quoted By: >>18770683

>>18770628

Honestly I'm speechless, the level of pettiness displayed in this story is shocking. One thing I've learned from the whole Trump/Kek fiasco that applies here is that people who find themselves on the wrong side of absurdity always lose

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The image is a collage of various elements, predominantly featuring text and images. At the top, there is a title that reads "former child genius on a downward spiral starter pack." Below the title, there are several text boxes with different topics. The first text box asks, "How Often Do You Really Need to Shower?" and the second one says, "I just received an email saying you have 11 missing assignments. This is unforgivable." The third text box is titled "Narcissistic personality disorder," and the fourth one is titled "Natural American Spirit."

In the center of the image, there is a large image of a person lying on their stomach with their head on a toilet, appearing to be in a state of distress. The person is wearing a red dress and has long hair.

To the right of the image, there is a book cover with the title "Natural American Spirit" and a graphic of a woman with long hair.

Below the book cover, there is a text box that says, "Am I going?" and below that, there is a hashtag "#goddeathmemes."

The bottom of the image features a close-up of a person's eye with a black iris and a white pupil.

The overall style of the image is casual and humorous, with a focus on text and images that seem to be related to mental health and self-care.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:08:38 No.18770669 Report

Quoted By: >>18770706

>>18770646

>i'm not particularly functional

You should work on that.

On a lighter tone I know you were griping about feeling picked which made me reluctant to post pic related but it's still funny without your reply.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:12:37 No.18770680 Report

Quoted By: >>18770683

>>18770628

You just know the Thule society is sitting somewhere in a German bunker and laughing their asses off while they continue to inflame a race war. Ugh

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace 1489409382799.jpg, 34KiB, 559x476

The image is a meme featuring a close-up of a person's face with a hand raised, seemingly in a gesture of surprise or shock. The person has a serious expression and is looking directly at the camera. The background is blurred, with a dark color that contrasts with the person's face.

In the upper left corner of the image, there is a text that reads "Anonymous ID: 44RF0C" followed by a timestamp "01/26/17 (Thu) 17:48:02 No. 109199747". Below this, there is a question in a bold, capitalized font that reads "who the fuck are these freaks and why are they such a big deal all of a sudden". The text is in white, which stands out against the dark background.

In the bottom right corner of the image, there is a blue button with the text "QUICK RUNDOWN" in white letters. The button is slightly tilted, and the text is in a smaller font size compared to the question. The button is positioned in the lower right corner of the image, which is separated from the main body of the

meme by a thin white line.

The overall style of the image is humorous and satirical, with the meme combining elements of surprise, shock, and a sense of humor. The use of the phrase "QUICK RUNDOWN" suggests a rapid or sudden action, which is often associated with surprise or shock. The meme seems to be commenting on the sudden popularity or significance of a particular group or individual, as indicated by the question in the meme.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:13:43 No.18770683 Report

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>>18770668

<https://youtu.be/LQhX8PbNUWI>

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:16:24 No.18770686 Report

Quoted By: >>18770692

What do you guys think of this book

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/d/Books/Occult-Colin-Wilson/1780288468>

I'm new to this. So far have read the satanic bible and psychonaut

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:17:50 No.18770692 Report

Quoted By: >>18770698

>>18770686

It's pretty damn good. One of the first books on the subject I ever read.

He's critical of a some folks I like, but shits on them less than outright avoids them.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:19:07 No.18770698 Report

Quoted By: >>18770747

>>18770692

How many of the books from this library have you actually read from start to finish? Because this is something that really fascinates me right now but it would take a lifetime to study properly

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:21:58 No.18770706 Report

>>18770669

i stopped taking heroin for a bit and coke and pills, step in the right direction? really though i wouldn't put money on me doing much better than i am right now with any of that and even sober i'm shit at it anyway

some people are just fucked with that though right?

i'm still at the "why me? why this? what even?" stage yeah, but i still have a sense of humor and that made me laugh

it's about 75% accurate

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:22:36 No.18770709 Report

Quoted By: >>18770747

>>18770628

How were you involved in this mess if I may ask.

This connects to an issue I've been having and I think a lot of practicing occultists have which is how to operate in what Chumley referred to as the "Market" while staying true to ones magical self. I'd love to find more real ass practitioners but established occult groups are full of bullshit internal politics even if they aren't giant energy farms. To be honest I've gotten more assistance on praxis from this thread on an anonymous image board than any other community. Perhaps that suggests that non hierarchical study groups make sense in this day and age? I'd love to create something like the Ku-Sebittu that experiments with the channeling of all sorts of different currents and acts as a "meeting house" for various mages. Maybe I'm just too idealistic

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:24:09 No.18770715 Report

Quoted By: >>18770747

What do you guys think of the Temple of Set?

Anyone here a member?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:34:05 No.18770747 Report

Quoted By: >>18770769

>>18770698

Something like two thirds and rising.

When it was smaller I could say I read three quarters of it but it's crept up on me.

>>18770709

After "Ostarine spring" started to autoreport in some forums I realized I probably participated in a few bans that made Griffin have an apoplectic breakdown.

>Perhaps that suggests that non hierarchical study groups make sense in this day and age?

For all his flaws Kenneth Grant was NOT wrong about his critiques of the Freemasonic model and an attempt to move to astral lodges.

>I'd love to create something like the Ku-Sebittu that experiments with the channeling of all sorts of different currents and acts as a "meeting house" for various mages. Maybe I'm just too idealistic  
It's hard to find people who want to Work. The Golden Dawn dude I was in contact suggested the name "Black Ivory Lodge" for an online CS study/practice group.

We'd tinkered with the idea of running the rites where he takes these elemental orations then I'd take the others but there's too much of a time differential between us to run it properly.

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Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:40:05 No.18770769 Report

Quoted By: >>18770840

>>18770747

>It's hard to find people who want to Work. The Golden Dawn dude I was in contact suggested the name "Black Ivory Lodge" for an online CS study/practice group

I would dedicate a fair amount of time to this if you actually decided to do it, although I'm a novice when it comes to CS I can do my homework. I bet you'd find others who are interested as well.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:41:53 No.18770771 Report

Quoted By: >>18770791

What are the absolute entry level must read for someone interested in becoming a wizard

How many years does it take to read it all

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:44:40 No.18770788 Report

Quoted By: >>18770802

Does doing any type of magick such as sigil magick cause demons to start fucking with you and end up getting schizophrenia or any other mental disorders?

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:45:15 No.18770791 Report

>>18770771

Depending on your work ethic and reading comprehension it can take years. Doing the Work matters a lot and as far as I can tell you either have a Will for it or you don't.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:47:30 No.18770802 Report

>>18770788

all of it

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:48:28 No.18770806 Report

Quoted By: >>18770877

Can a fictional story I wrote be considered a sigil?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Tue 14 Mar 2017 00:02:00 No.18770840 Report

Quoted By: >>18770877

>>18770769

I'm about to fuck off to bed. I'll make a new thread tomorrow afternoon.

Anonymous Tue 14 Mar 2017 00:16:14 No.18770877 Report

>>18770806

Grant Morrison seems to think so.

>>18770840

Goodnight bb

LunaIs33011 \$3301110113110031313013010310301 Tue 14 Mar 2017 02:26:34

No.18771344 Report

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The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Tue 14 Mar 2017 08:09:03 No.18771889 Report

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHdpxpjYzVY>

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The image is a cover of a book titled "Chaos Magick." The cover features a man sitting at a wooden table with a laptop in front of him. The man appears to be in a state of distress or frustration, with his mouth open wide and his eyes wide open. He is shirtless and has a beard. The background of the image is a kitchen setting with various objects such as bottles, a refrigerator, and a sink.

The text on the cover is in a bold, serif font and reads "Chaos Magick" at the top, followed by "How One Man Turned His Chronic Masturbation Habit into An Overnight Financial Success Story" in a smaller font. Below this, there is a subtitle that reads "And Now You Can Follow His Step-by-Step System to Gain Everything You Ever Wanted." At the bottom of the cover, there is a circular emblem with a design that includes a star and a crescent moon. The overall style of the image is graphic and bold, with a focus on the title and the central image of the man.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Tue 14 Mar 2017 11:59:03 No.18772403 Report

>tfw you sink \$20 into a cow's tongue that you won't eat half of to run an invultation

I hope Brent appreciates how much I despise him.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Tue 14 Mar 2017 12:28:20 No.18772465 Report

Quoted By: >>18772534

[https://youtu.be/Gv8\\_WPwoSNA](https://youtu.be/Gv8_WPwoSNA)

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Tue 14 Mar 2017 12:42:05 No.18772508 Report

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35e61H2v4HQ>

Anonymous Tue 14 Mar 2017 12:52:45 No.18772534 Report

Quoted By: >>18772545

>>18772465

What the fuck is that supposed to be? I want to stab my ears out.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Tue 14 Mar 2017 12:55:41 No.18772545 Report

Quoted By: >>18772553

>>18772534

>he's too plebian for music produced by truly okkvlt artistes

Stay triggered.

<https://youtu.be/9W2Z4CTGsCk>

Anonymous Tue 14 Mar 2017 12:57:55 No.18772553 Report

Quoted By: >>18772558

>>18772545

So the reason Thelemites haven't attained anything is that they waste all their time on Reason making shitty experimental ambient "music." It all makes sense

now!

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Tue 14 Mar 2017 13:00:56 No.18772558 Report

Quoted By: >>18772755

>>18772553

Thanks for the last post.

See you in the next thread.

Anonymous Tue 14 Mar 2017 14:11:32 No.18772755 Report

>>18772558

No this is the last post. Boom.

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[315 / 43]The image is a digital illustration with a pixelated style, featuring a blue square character with a smiling face and arms raised. The character is set against a background with yellow rays emanating from the center, creating a sun-like effect. Below the character, there is text in a white font that reads "toocult sin." The overall color scheme is bright and cheerful, with the blue of the character contrasting against the yellow rays and the green of the landscape in the background. The style of the image suggests it could be from a video game or a similar digital medium.

37KiB, 960x630, occult sin.jpg

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Occultism & Magick: Library Update 45 The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017

18:08:54 No.18756199 ViewReplyOriginalReport

Quoted By: >>18756931 >>18764908 >>18767205 >>18768574 >>18771344

Unfucked /sum/'s pastebin because I'm often a fuckwit and screwed up the walkthrough:

<http://pastebin.com/HhU18gCW>

<https://mega.nz/#F!AE5yjIqB!y7VdxdB5pbNsi203zyq9KQ>

[https://mega.nz/#!QVAikYgI!jc3-ZqbC\\_jfG1NSGQnLDlrbHeJ2hWiYV4HMGrG42fZc](https://mega.nz/#!QVAikYgI!jc3-ZqbC_jfG1NSGQnLDlrbHeJ2hWiYV4HMGrG42fZc)

Unfucked Tantraloka, added the missing page from the final chapter that was actually somewhat important in establishing it as a natural extension of Srinath and Lakulesvara.

Added David Gordon White's Star.Ships in:

>.A.'.A.'.>Libri

Because I have no clue where else to put the fucking thing.

Reviews have been light on details but this caused a splash in the community as a reconstruction of prehistoric asterism. Reviews essentially just say "Yeah, it's decent, the history's solid, go read it" which tells me fuckall. I'm not balls deep in it but so far....it's not trash which is better than I can say about a LOT of books these days. It's not what I'd want out of a text like this but it comes close to hitting the mark. Starts with a discussion of Göbekli Tepe.

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The image is a black and white illustration that appears to be a satirical or humorous depiction of a biblical scene. At the center of the image, Jesus is shown in a traditional pose, with his hands clasped in prayer and his head bowed. He is wearing a long robe and a crown of thorns on his head, which are typical symbols of his divine status.

To the left of Jesus, there is a figure of a man who appears to be in a state of drunkenness or intoxication, lying on the ground. The man is wearing a long robe and a crown of thorns, similar to Jesus' attire. The man's head is tilted back,

and he is laughing or snorting, which is a common sign of intoxication. Above the man, there is a speech bubble that reads, "PAUL, I'M NOT HEALING YOUR FUCKING HANGOVER." This text is in a bold, capitalized font and is colored in white, contrasting with the black and white image. The text is placed above the man's head, which is a common placement for humorous or satirical text in such illustrations.

The background of the image shows a rocky landscape with a few figures in the distance, suggesting a setting that is not clearly identifiable. The overall style of the image is reminiscent of a vintage or classic illustration, with a focus on the humor and irony of the scene.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 18:21:46 No.18756247 Report

Quoted By: >>18758333 >>18759044

Options for the next scan:

>Pyramid Texts with annotations through Pyramid of Unas.

>Dark Shamans: Kanaima and the Poetics of a Violent Death.

>My copy of Kaulajnananirnaya Tantra with annotations.

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The image is a stylized, three-dimensional illustration with a predominantly red and black color scheme. At the center, there is a stylized depiction of a human body, with the body's form resembling a triangle. The body is adorned with a red and black pattern that includes a central red triangle with a black outline, and a black and red pattern that forms a larger triangle with a black outline. The body's face is not visible, but the rest of the body is detailed with intricate black and red patterns.

At the top of the image, there is a stylized, ornate script that appears to be in a language that is not English. The script is in a cursive, flowing style with a mix of black and red colors. Below the body, there is a small, white, circular object with a blue outline, which could be interpreted as a tear or a drop.

The background of the image is a light beige color, providing a neutral backdrop that allows the colors of the illustration to stand out. The overall style of the image is reminiscent of traditional calligraphy or art, with a focus on the interplay of color and form.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 19:16:05 No.18756491 Report

Quoted By: >>18756555 >>18756883

Rare unpublished Helen Oliver art.

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The image is a stylized illustration with a predominantly red and black color scheme. At the center, there is a large circular design with a central black area and a red border. Within this central circle, there is a smaller, circular design with a white border and a black center. This smaller circle contains a series of red and white pins arranged in a triangular pattern.

Surrounding the central circle, there are two large, curved, white lines that appear to be flames or rays emanating from the central circle. These lines are connected by a thin, white line that forms a V-shape around the central circle.

At the bottom of the image, there is a small, rectangular plaque with a gold-colored border and a white background. The plaque contains a series of Chinese characters, which are not clearly legible due to the resolution of the image.

The style of the image is reminiscent of traditional Chinese art, with its use of color, symbolism, and intricate designs. The overall composition and the use of color create a sense of balance and harmony.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 19:31:52 No.18756555 Report

Quoted By: >>18756613 >>18756883

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDMtaIcrfQ0>

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The image is a collage with a surrealistic style, featuring a figure that appears to be a person with a green eye and a pointed hat, dressed in a suit and tie. The figure is standing with one hand raised, pointing towards the sky. The background is a textured, possibly wet surface, with a blueish hue. The figure is surrounded by various elements, including framed photographs and a large,

bold text that reads "THESE VIOLENT ENDS." The overall color palette is dominated by shades of blue, green, and orange. The style of the image is reminiscent of pop art or surrealism, with a focus on the juxtaposition of everyday objects and the human figure against a backdrop of abstract imagery. The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 19:49:43 No.18756613 Report >>18756555

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAJTeCJ7NG0>

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNA0Trace CODEX-Seraphinianus.jpg, 42KiB, 544x384  
The image shows two pages of a book with illustrations and text. On the left page, there are three illustrations of abstract shapes and lines, with some of the shapes resembling organic forms and others resembling geometric structures. The right page features a series of illustrations with a focus on a central figure that appears to be a stylized representation of a human figure, with a complex network of lines and shapes radiating from it. The text on the left page is in a language that appears to be Japanese, and the text on the right page is in a different script, possibly Chinese. The style of the illustrations is reminiscent of traditional Japanese woodblock prints, with a focus on line and form. The overall impression is that of a book that might be a textbook or a collection of illustrations related to a specific topic, possibly science or art, given the complex and detailed nature of the illustrations.

Anonymous Fri 10 Mar 2017 19:59:19 No.18756642 Report

Quoted By: >>18756737 >>18766169

Any spells to make me the special Mary Sue undead I've always wanted to be?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 20:20:05 No.18756737 Report

>>18756642

I dunno, probably in the 1e materials somewhere, maybe a B/X adventure or something.

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The image is a vibrant and colorful painting that depicts a figure seated in a meditative pose. The figure is adorned with a headdress and a necklace, and is surrounded by a multitude of abstract shapes and patterns that suggest a cosmic or spiritual theme. The background is a blend of blue, yellow, and orange hues, with swirling patterns and swirls that add to the overall mystical atmosphere. The painting is rendered in a style that is reminiscent of surrealism, with a focus on the interplay of light and shadow, and the use of color to convey emotion and mood. The overall composition and the use of color create a sense of depth and complexity, with the figure appearing to be in a state of contemplation or meditation.

Anonymous Fri 10 Mar 2017 20:23:44 No.18756761 Report

Quoted By: >>18756775 >>18756852

Bump.

View SameGoogleiqdbSauceNA0Trace 1489186991092.jpg, 59KiB, 655x527

The image is a digital illustration featuring a character that resembles a green frog with a human-like face. The frog has a pair of large, round glasses with blue frames, and its eyes are large and round with a reflective quality. The frog's mouth is open, revealing its teeth, and it appears to be in a state of surprise or shock. The frog is wearing a blue shirt with a white collar and a blue collar on the shirt. The character's expression is intense, with a slight frown and a furrowed brow. The background of the image is plain white, which contrasts with the green color of the frog and the blue of the glasses. There are no texts or additional elements in the image. The style of the illustration is cartoonish and expressive, with a focus on the character's facial expression.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 20:25:59 No.18756775 Report

Quoted By: >>18756852

>>18756761

Thanks mate.

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The image displays a stylized red symbol against a white background. The symbol consists of a stylized, curved line that forms a cone-like shape with a pointed top. Inside the cone, there is a smaller, curved line that forms a crescent moon shape. The overall design is bold and the color is vibrant, with the red of the symbol standing out against the white background. The image is simple and does not contain any text or additional elements. The style of the image is



reminiscent of traditional or cultural symbols, possibly representing a specific cultural or religious significance.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 20:44:01 No.18756852 Report

>>18756775

>>18756761

FUCK ME I just remembered that Kala Sampa posted the rest of the Zorn anthologies, I should really get those uploaded.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qis2EFSLjLM>

Anonymous Fri 10 Mar 2017 20:55:26 No.18756883 Report

Quoted By: >>18756893 >>18756900

>>18756491

>>18756555

bump asking the sauce of those neat drawings

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 20:59:50 No.18756893 Report

Quoted By: >>18756900 >>18756956

>>18756883

Helen Oliver, aka Soro Pasht Akhti, former member of the Cultus Sabbati.

I have some typescripts of hers with hers and Chumbley's blood.

I don't have my archive of her pics on this partition, gimme a second.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 21:03:02 No.18756900 Report

Quoted By: >>18756956

>>18756893

>>18756883

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>Soror

<http://archive.4plebs.org/x/thread/18131927/#18131927>

Anonymous Fri 10 Mar 2017 21:10:56 No.18756931 Report

Quoted By: >>18756958 >>18769170

>>18756199

Ape, some anon in another thread is interested (albeit asshole-ly) in the difference between IHVH and Yeheshuah in hermetic tradition and the god and Jesus of the Bible... I feel like Crowley wrote something on this... is there anything in the library I can point them toward so they don't have to just take my word for it?

Anonymous Fri 10 Mar 2017 21:16:30 No.18756956 Report

>>18756893

>>18756900

Thanks a lot!

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 21:17:01 No.18756958 Report

Quoted By: >>18756973 >>18758904

>>18756931

YHVH and YHShVH are elemental formulas.

YHVH are the four basic constituents of matter, air, earth, fire water (in no particular order).

The Shin (Sh) is the descent of spirit to animate and redeem the gross material.

IIRC this is all in the Adeptus material of the Golden Dawn but I could be mistaken.

You could direct them to Magick in Theory and Practice's chapter on the formula of the neophyte.

Anonymous Fri 10 Mar 2017 21:20:21 No.18756973 Report

Quoted By: >>18756981

>>18756958

Thank you, kind sir! I'm not trying to start a wizard fight, but this anon says he practices western occultism, but doesn't like Hermeticism because it's Jude-xtian. Or something. I' confuse, at any rate.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 21:21:49 No.18756981 Report

Quoted By: >>18757005 >>18757954

>>18756973

Formula of the Neophyte doesn't make much sense without the preliminary

discussion on YHVH in the previous chapter but it's all sorta there in roundabout ways.

Anonymous Fri 10 Mar 2017 21:28:47 No.18757005 Report

Quoted By: >>18757045

>>18756981

Thanks. I hope you don't mind that I just direct quoted you in that thread, with proper attribution. I'm getting the sense that I'm trying to lend a hand to a LARPer now, though.

-Heru Ra Ha

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Fri 10 Mar 2017 21:38:52 No.18757045 Report

Quoted By: >>18758336

>>18757005

Sure thing man.

Anonymous Fri 10 Mar 2017 23:09:09 No.18757426 Report

Anybody hang out with the Temple of Astarte?

Are they pretty cool?

!jyEthancRA Sat 11 Mar 2017 01:07:58 No.18757813 Report

bumping. I've currently trying to read A. E. Waite's The Doctrine and Literature of the Kabbalah, but it's tough. All this abstract stuff, when I'd rather get to the nuts and bolts. Any suggestions?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 01:10:36 No.18757821 Report

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The image displays a stylized, circular design with a white background. The design features a series of concentric circles, each with a distinct pattern. At the center of the design, there is a star-like shape with a smaller star within it. The outer circles have a series of curved lines that create a sense of depth and movement. The inner circles have straight lines that create a geometric pattern. The overall style of the image is minimalist and abstract, with a focus on simplicity and symmetry.

Hijinks !!qEPyEVMU8+A Sat 11 Mar 2017 01:11:46 No.18757832 Report

>unfucked

Aww yiss

Ns Sat 11 Mar 2017 01:49:21 No.18757954 Report

Quoted By: >>18758484

>>18756981

Want the Elizabeth English vajrayogini book, or the Wisdom edition of tsongkhapa's lamp, or some other translations of vajrayana classics that aren't in your library?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 01:55:07 No.18757981 Report

Quoted By: >>18758197

I want one of two things. Either to get rid of my depression or to make my poetry better. Which is easier to do with the occult? And how do I do it?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 02:48:47 No.18758197 Report

>>18757981

Me too, getting rid of depression would be amazing!

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 04:03:40 No.18758333 Report

>>18756247

I know what some of those words mean.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 04:07:04 No.18758336 Report

Quoted By: >>18758527

>>18757045

I have confirmed them for some combination LARPer and "rationalist." Thanks for the info anyway, pal. I still gained something from it regardless.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 06:09:48 No.18758484 Report

Quoted By: >>18758945

>>18757954

Yes.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 06:30:33 No.18758525 Report

Quoted By: >>18758527

You're slipping.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 06:31:43 No.18758527 Report

Quoted By: >>18759461

>>18758336

We have a resident post who's DESPERATE to discredit any magick he doesn't practice as jewish. It's sorta sad, considering the origins of Hermetica in the GMP.

>>18758525

Hm?

How so?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 06:40:49 No.18758540 Report

Quoted By: >>18758551

Quick question. I see the Tantraloka Chapters 5-37 listed clearly, but I didn't happen to see Chapters 1-4. Where/what should I be looking at/for?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 06:45:03 No.18758551 Report

Quoted By: >>18758562

>>18758540

Chapters 1-4 are just above chapters 5-37 in the folder:

>Eastern>Saivism>Abhinavagupta & Uttara Kaula Trika

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 06:50:38 No.18758562 Report

Quoted By: >>18758568

>>18758551

Thanks!

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 06:53:02 No.18758568 Report

Quoted By: >>18758589 >>18770277

>>18758562

No problem, friend.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Htl3XWUhuOM>

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 07:13:17 No.18758589 Report

Quoted By: >>18758690 >>18758693

>>18758568

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwEFqT\\_A8bI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwEFqT_A8bI)

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 08:01:30 No.18758668 Report

Quoted By: >>18758690 >>18758693

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<http://www.llewellyn.com/product.php?ean=9780738752587>

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 08:09:52 No.18758690 Report

>>18758589

[https://youtu.be/tMPVTM\\_jsKA](https://youtu.be/tMPVTM_jsKA)

>>18758668

for \$200 I'd hope so

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 08:11:44 No.18758693 Report

Quoted By: >>18758784

>>18758589

<https://youtu.be/eciZWndkGqs>

>>18758668

for \$200 I'd hope so

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 08:26:39 No.18758719 Report

Quoted By: >>18758744

Are there texts in the library on internal alchemy, celibacy, brahmacharya?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 08:38:17 No.18758744 Report

Quoted By: >>18758764

>>18758719

>internal alchemy

Yes, and normative.

>celibacy, brahmacharya?

No.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 08:51:17 No.18758764 Report

Quoted By: >>18758777

>>18758744

I feel like a pig in shit. I'd been coming to these threads and not actively exploring the archive.

I'm going to burn through 100 dollars worth of ink and printer paper, at least.

I don't know if you're the one who put this together but kudos.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 08:55:43 No.18758777 Report

>>18758764

>you're the one who put this

Yes.

Last I had it appraised it was over 200k+ in worth, and that was BEFORE I added all the scans of unpublished materials. It's converted worth is now very likely "priceless" since I've some scans of materials from a founding collection (Sloane) of the London Museum.

Still a couple I need to post as well.

And that's not even counting the stuff I scanned for the first time (Tantraloka, Equinox 5:4, Blazing Dew of Stars, Secret School of Wisdom).

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 08:59:44 No.18758784 Report

Quoted By: >>18759119

>>18758693

>93

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GukNjYQZW8s>

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 10:09:02 No.18758904 Report

Quoted By: >>18759537 >>18765781

>>18756958

This was exceedingly useful, thank you very much. It solved my major issue of GD being too Christian for my stomach.

Why isn't this written on the cover of GD books?

Ns Sat 11 Mar 2017 10:28:59 No.18758945 Report

Quoted By: >>18759537

>>18758484

Ok, same gmail?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 10:33:33 No.18758954 Report

Quoted By: >>18759537

This library is exactly what I was looking for to try out "magick" and just get decent reading material in general. Thanks.

I have a quick question regarding evoking : Is it better to evoke alone, or does the presence of an outsider to the ritual can affect the outcome ?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 11:07:18 No.18759044 Report

>>18756247

#3, kind sir.

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNA0Trace 413px-WhatJesusLookedLike.jpg, 56KiB, 413x600

The image is a collage of four separate images, each featuring a different religious figure, with accompanying text that humorously suggests what the respective religious figures might have looked like to different groups of people.

In the top left image, we see a portrait of a bearded man with long hair, dressed in a white robe. The text above the image reads, "What black people think Jesus looked like..."

The top right image features a man with a green turban and a beard, wearing a red robe. The text above the image reads, "What Arabs think Jesus looked like..."

The bottom left image shows a portrait of a woman with long blonde hair, wearing a red robe. The text above the image reads, "What white people think Jesus looked like..."

The bottom right image features a depiction of a creature with a long neck and a red heart, wearing a blue robe. The text above the image reads, "What Chahan thinks Jesus looked like..."

Each image is framed by a black border, and the text is in white, making the humor stand out against the dark background. The style of the image is reminiscent of meme-style graphics, often used to satirize religious iconography and the way it is perceived by different groups of people.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 11:33:26 No.18759119 Report

>>18758784

<https://youtu.be/ds5yzE0F3nQ>

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 13:05:50 No.18759461 Report

Quoted By: >>18759537

>>18758527

That makes sense as to why they're being such an obstinate asshole. Not that I'm anti-semitic or would care if it was super Jewish, but there is clearly a huge gap between Jewish mysticism and Western Hermeticism. May I ask, are you an Anthropologist? Because you speak/write like one.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 13:24:03 No.18759537 Report

Quoted By: >>18759541 >>18760141

>>18758945

Sure.

>>18758904

Because it expects you to read.

>>18758954

Doesn't matter. Don't run group unless you're all sorta halfway competent.

>>18759461

>May I ask, are you an Anthropologist? Because you speak/write like one. Archaeologist and museum administrator.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 13:25:49 No.18759541 Report

Quoted By: >>18759546

>>18759537

That sounds like a KILLER job. I dig you, man.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 13:28:09 No.18759546 Report

Quoted By: >>18759554 >>18759646

>>18759541

I mean, it could be better, but I have a semester left on my masters, so here's to looking up.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 13:30:39 No.18759554 Report

>>18759546

Cheers, mate.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 13:55:12 No.18759646 Report

Quoted By: >>18759776

>>18759546

May I ask what University you attend? Or is that asking for too much on a board like this?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:31:26 No.18759770 Report

Where can I find gems for wholesale? Must I travel to Afrika? Also I visited sacredfires on Shopify because sage goddess is becoming worse by the minute and bought some spell bottles. What else is good for beginners?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:32:13 No.18759776 Report

Quoted By: >>18759782

>>18759646

>Or is that asking for too much on a board like this?

That.

But the collection is encyclopedic with over 170k objects and the largest for a few hundred miles in most directions. I've posted pics from it.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:34:02 No.18759782 Report

Quoted By: >>18759786

>>18759776

Yeah, I got the impression it was a major institution. Was the Tantraloka you posted the Uni's, or yours?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:35:51 No.18759786 Report

Quoted By: >>18759854

>>18759782

>yours

Mine, it's an edition that runs over three hundred dollars to order. But it's the only full English translation and I love you insufferable faggots.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:51:04 No.18759854 Report

Quoted By: >>18759896

>>18759786

You da man! I often find myself wondering why anyone with a shred of a life spends time on here. But then I remember the conversation we had about the "rare gems" to be found among the torrents of shit. I feel like more actual practitioners are coming on here as time goes by... maybe it's just because I'm fairly new here?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:54:16 No.18759878 Report

Quoted By: >>18759884 >>18759888

can any of you cast fireball yet?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:56:16 No.18759884 Report

>>18759878

Probably all of us. That's like, Magick 101

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:56:46 No.18759888 Report

Quoted By: >>18759898

>>18759878

1) That's a fifth level spell and most of us are still figuring out the Arcane Tradition unlock.

2) >2017 >"damage" spells

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:58:11 No.18759896 Report

Quoted By: >>18759906

>>18759854

It's cyclic.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 14:59:11 No.18759898 Report

>>18759888

All I know about magick I learned form video games

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:00:52 No.18759904 Report

Quoted By: >>18759918

What books do you have on discrete deities?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:01:39 No.18759906 Report

Quoted By: >>18759918 >>18760009

>>18759896

I feel like, when I spend excessive amounts of time on here, it hinders my workings. Do you find that? Before coming on here I only ever used the internet for porn (and that rarely), I don't even have a social media account. Maybe it's just being on the computer in general?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:04:19 No.18759918 Report

Quoted By: >>18760009

>>18759904

Most of 'em will be in the Eastern folder.

Maybe Panparadox.

>>18759906

No because everything I do is in the name of the Work and thus far I've had enough free time to shitpost, enroll in an international grad honors society, do enough Yoga to get by, and perform my ritual obligations.

I mean, I walk an hour, past my outdoor ritual spot, erry day to and from campus. Not like I don't have plenty of opportunity to use it.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:04:44 No.18759920 Report

Quoted By: >>18759927 >>18759939 >>18759998 >>18763233

surly, with so many well read occultists and such a vast library here, someone in this thread can give me a decent explanation of the nature of magick?

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace Jung.jpg, 49KiB, 500x371

The image is a page from a book or article, featuring text in a serif font. The text is in English and appears to be discussing the topic of spiritual experiences and the nature of the spirit. The page is divided into two columns, with the left column containing the main body of the text and the right column containing a quote from Carl Jung.

The main body of the text discusses the author's experience with spiritual

experiences and the nature of the spirit. The author mentions that they have discussed the proof of identity for a long time with a friend of William James, Professor Hyslop, in New York. They also discuss the hypothesis of spirits and the qualities and characteristics of the spirit. The text mentions that the author's own experience is bound to be skeptical, but they must admit that the spirit hypothesis yields better results than any other.

The right column contains a quote from Carl Jung, which reads: "We will begin serious discussion of spirits with a quote from Carl Jung that we have also used in 'Pacts With The Devil'." The quote is followed by a statement that the author believes that it becomes clear to anyone who reads material about Jung—specifically material not published until after the author's death—that the author believed not only in the literal existence of spirits, but also in a substantial chunk of what is traditionally considered occult. The author concludes by saying, "In other words, while you may believe that Jungian archetypes are 'all in your head,' he most emphatically did not."

The style of the image is formal and academic, typical of a scholarly or academic article. The text is dense with information, and the layout is straightforward, with the text and the quote arranged side by side. The image is a snapshot of a page from a larger document, likely a book or a journal article, as indicated by the format and the presence of a quote from Carl Jung.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:08:40 No.18759927 Report

Quoted By: >>18759939 >>18759985 >>18760141 >>18766298

>>18759920

"Any logically consistent transcendental idealism rids the world of transcendence and opacity."

~t. Maurice Merleau-Ponty

"12) Man is ignorant of the nature of his own being and powers. Even his idea of his limitations is based on experience of the past, and every step in his progress extends his empire. There is therefore no reason to assign theoretical limits to what he may be, or what he may do.

note: i.e., except---possibly---in the case of logically absurd questions such as the Schoolmen discussed in connection with "God".

(Illustration: A generation ago it was supposed theoretically impossible that man should ever know the composition of the fixed stars. It is known that our senses are adapted to receive only a fraction of the possible rates of vibration. Modern instruments have enabled us to detect some of these supra-sensibles by indirect methods, and even to use their peculiar qualities in the service of man, as in the case of the rays of Hertz and Roentgen. As Tyndall said, man might at any moment learn to perceive and utilize vibrations of all conceivable and inconceivable kinds. The question of Magick is a question of discovering and employing hitherto unknown forces in nature. We know that they exist, and we cannot doubt the possibility of mental or physical instruments capable of bringing us into relation with them.)"

~t. Aleister Crowley

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The image is a stylized, graphic representation with a religious theme. At the center, there is a figure that appears to be a woman, possibly a saint, with a halo and a crown of thorns. She is wearing a white robe and a necklace with a heart-shaped pendant. Her eyes are obscured by a black, oval-shaped object, which could be a mask or a symbol.

Surrounding the central figure are several red capsules, which are arranged in a circular pattern. The background is a gradient of dark to light, with a halo-like effect around the figure. The text "ULTRAVIOLENCE" is prominently displayed in bold, black letters, with the word "ULTRAVIOLENCE" in a larger font size than the rest of the text. The overall style of the image is artistic and seems to be a commentary on the concept of "ultraviolence," which is a term often used to describe the extreme and violent behavior of individuals.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:12:27 No.18759939 Report

Quoted By: >>18760186

>>18759927

>>18759920  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Es0ABq\\_fDjk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Es0ABq_fDjk)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sI8ohPTzIE>  
Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:27:58 No.18759985 Report  
Quoted By: >>18760002 >>18760009  
>>18759927

Thank you for the thoughtful and measured response.  
View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace B0Q.jpg, 246KiB, 610x610  
The image is a meme featuring a cat with a surprised expression. The cat has large, round eyes and a pink nose. Its whiskers are visible, and it has a white face with a black nose. The cat's eyes are wide open, and its mouth is slightly open, giving the impression of surprise. The cat's fur is a mix of gray and white, and it has a black stripe running down its cheek.  
At the top of the image, there is a text that reads "I'M THE ONLY Pussy" in a bold, capitalized font. Below this text, there is another line that says "YOU WILL EVER NEED" in a smaller, lowercase font. The background of the image is a plain, light color, which contrasts with the cat's fur and the text. The overall style of the image is humorous and uses a cat as a source of humor.  
Felis Catus !!lr8u3upD8uq Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:30:09 No.18759998 Report  
>>18759920

Magic is manifesting changes in perception and the world around you through will.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:31:15 No.18760002 Report  
Quoted By: >>18760009 >>18760066  
>>18759985

Don't forget the trialogues.  
Skepticism and the Balkanization of Epistemology covers the typed quotes.  
Entities covers the image (though quickly forks off into speculation because McKenna, but the first one's solid as shit).  
Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:32:55 No.18760009 Report  
>>18760002

Sorry, I am >>18759985 and >>18759906 and was responding to >>18759918  
Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:49:24 No.18760066 Report  
Quoted By: >>18760092 >>18760094 >>18768974  
>>18760002

Ape, there was a guy some time ago claiming to have been hired by a major corporation who supposedly did summoning" (I thought it was weird he never used the term evocation) and claimed that his job was to build physical, electrical, computerized "wards," and wrote computer programs that allegedly "summoned" millions of "entities" that he claimed were the ethereal equivalent of microbes, intelligence-wise, but that they performed rites and summoned intelligent entities as well. He claimed he could "ward" against the bad karma that was inevitable if such operations were actually performed for the purposes he claimed. Is this just advanced LARPing? Or do you suppose there is something to it? I'm asking you in particular because you know way more about this stuff than I do, and it seems like something within your realm of knowledge/experience to either confirm or debunk. Thanks!

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace 1480760162789.jpg, 14KiB, 236x418  
The image is a screenshot from a mobile application, likely a social media platform, displaying a user's face with a surprised expression. The user's eyes are wide open, and the eyebrows are raised, indicating surprise or shock. The text above the image reads "Oh no, here comes Neelix," which suggests that the user is reacting to a message or notification from the character Neelix. The time displayed at the top of the image is 10:00 PM. The image has a dark background, and the user's face is the central focus. The style of the image is a standard selfie with a focus on the user's facial expression.  
Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:55:42 No.18760084 Report  
Quoted By: >>18760103

Hey ape, love your work.

I just finished Prometheus rising, I'm reading my big toe, I love the law of one, and pretty much anything relating to consciousness.



Do you have any recommendations from your library? I'm much less interested in magic practice (aside from meditation) than I am enlightening my intellect and intuition.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:57:36 No.18760092 Report

Quoted By: >>18760106

>>18760066

Advanced larp.

THAT SAID, people with the ability knowledge and access will hire evokatory "hitmen". Not like killers but folks willing to travel near a target and run this or that ritual. Generally the people with access to this are cunts and/or mid to high degree members of occult orgs.

>warding via program

There's an old fable which I haven't been able to find in years of a chaos/discordian group uploading a viral system based on...some weird principle, I can't remember, that ended up crashing systems all over the pacific rim sometime in the late 80's or early 90's.

View SameGoogleiqdbSauceNA0Trace thegate.jpg, 9KiB, 320x240

The image is a close-up photograph of a person's face, focusing on their eyes and mouth. The individual appears to be a young male with short, dark hair and glasses. His eyes are wide open, and his mouth is slightly open, as if he is shouting or expressing surprise. The background is dark and out of focus, with what appears to be a blurred, indistinct environment that suggests a forest or wooded area. There are no discernible texts or logos in the image. The style of the image is realistic, with a focus on the expression of the person.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:57:43 No.18760094 Report

Quoted By: >>18760116

>>18760066

this reminds me of the nerdy kid in THE GATE 2 who was summoning demons with pentagrams made of computer controlled laser beams.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:59:20 No.18760103 Report

Quoted By: >>18760150

>>18760084

With the exception of Prometheus Rising, that all looks pretty awful.

I dunno. Pick around the A.'A.'>Philosophy folder.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 15:59:55 No.18760106 Report

Quoted By: >>18760125

>>18760092

Thank you. Yeah they sound like real douches to do a thing like that.

>warding via program

Very interesting. Do you lend credence to it?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:01:22 No.18760116 Report

Quoted By: >>18760126 >>18760145

>>18760094

You ever seen Evilspeak with Ron Howard's deformed brother?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXT61J08bLU>

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:02:54 No.18760125 Report

>>18760106

I dunno I'd have to find the story again.

I remember this from back in the days of TOTSE when this website was a gleam in Moot's eye so the incident/post/record may be gone forever.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:03:09 No.18760126 Report

Quoted By: >>18760186

>>18760116

no i don't think i have, but i love clint howard.

i'm going to have to watch that just for that picture. i watched a lot of crappy movies in the 80s but that one slipped by.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:06:07 No.18760141 Report

Quoted By: >>18760146 >>18760186

>>18759537

sent a link to your email, 4chan wouldn't let me post it. I figured i'd just throw in anything you might be interested in that I didn't remember seeing in your library, all together about a gig and a half.

If it's not too much trouble, and you feel like talking philosophy a bit, what does >>18759927

>"Any logically consistent transcendental idealism rids the world of transcendence and opacity."

mean? Even if internally consistent it's still susceptible to the pyrrhonian skeptic regress problem. That means their is going to be an arational or irrational origin point, an outside, won't that be opaque and/or transcendent?

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:06:39 No.18760145 Report

Quoted By: >>18760186

>>18760116

oh shit i have to watch that, thanks for the recommendation. it's even got richard moll!

Ns Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:07:15 No.18760146 Report

Quoted By: >>18760186

sorry, it's me, in reference to those ebooks

>>18760141

>sent a link to your email

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:07:40 No.18760150 Report

Quoted By: >>18760186

>>18760103

>With the exception of Prometheus Rising, that all looks pretty awful.

Why does it seem awful?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:13:48 No.18760186 Report

Quoted By: >>18760243 >>18760348

>>18760141

>pyrrhonian skeptic regress problem

If you wanna chase logic chains all day long into infinite regression, be my guest but there's work to do.

>>18760141

>That means their is going to be an arational or irrational origin point, an outside, won't that be opaque and/or transcendent?

Sorta, but it's no the 'origin' as much as the fundamental nature of this work. The Boddhisatva transcends beyond the shores of enlightenment while going nowhere. Also, it's not outside. Again, we're talking fundamental natures here.

>>18760126

>>18760145

It should really be less obscure than it is.

I think it's got the Anton LaVey Seal of Schlock approval.

>>18760146

Thanks.

>>18760150

Law of One is the sort of unanchored speculation derided by McKenna here:

>>18759939

At least Crowley's transmissions had the common decency to be as educated as possible at the time. His the depth of his skepticism toward his own transmissions is admirable.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:27:22 No.18760243 Report

>>18760186

On the law of one subject, I'm not an avid believer of all the material, but the message is pure.

The forward in the book also explicitly states that the author is not asserting

a truth, just providing his channeling sessions for others to see. I am also way more trusting of people who provide this information completely free of charge.  
Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 16:51:26 No.18760348 Report  
Quoted By: >>18760448  
>>18760186  
>Sorta, but it's not the 'origin' as much as the fundamental nature of this work.

I'm probably misunderstanding either you or M-P because I took M-P to be talking about a system of idealist philosophy. I don't think you think that constructing or apprehending a system of philosophy is the fundamental nature of the work, so what you and he are saying is probably going over my head.  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:17:25 No.18760448 Report  
Quoted By: >>18760459 >>18763994  
>>18760348

He's talking about the nature of perception filtered through our various philosophical systems (our ontologies and epistemologies, and if you think you're not constructing these as a part of the Work I'd direct you to the Exemption thesis of the A.'.A.'.) and is implying that transcendentalism, be it dualist or nondualist, cuts to the quick faster than others, and that if one constructs as he did, one can rip down the veils of false perception.  
Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:19:52 No.18760459 Report  
Quoted By: >>18760492 >>18760498  
>>18760448  
you keep talking about "the Work" and it gives me a dementia vibe.

maybe you should ease up on "The Work" for a little bit and come back down to earth.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:24:41 No.18760492 Report  
Quoted By: >>18767006  
>>18760459

>maybe you should ease up on "The Work" for a little bit and come back down to earth.

I mean I'm probably gonna fuck off to blast music and play Tyranny or Stellaris once the food gets here.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:25:01 No.18760498 Report  
Quoted By: >>18760509 >>18760529  
>>18760459

"It is a thousand times better to die than to break such an oath in thought, spirit, or action."

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:27:09 No.18760509 Report  
Quoted By: >>18760521 >>18760529  
>>18760498

Hey, someone \*gets\* it.  
Thank you.

Also:

>Philosophus. -Is expected to complete his moral training. He is tested in Devotion to the Order.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:29:16 No.18760521 Report  
>>18760509

Indeed. Not everybody on here is completely retarded, as you were kind enough to demonstrate when I first began visiting..

-Heru Ra Ha

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:30:56 No.18760529 Report  
Quoted By: >>18760541 >>18760542 >>18760555 >>18763241  
>>18760498  
>>18760509

sounds like you guys belong to a cult. cults are unhealthy

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:33:51 No.18760541 Report  
Quoted By: >>18765821  
>>18760529

Anthrosocially speaking "cult" simply refers to a religious following with less than about 500 or so members.

By that litmus test I'm not a cultist but rather a sectarian with some cultish tendencies. In either case, cults can come in good and bad flavors.

Thanks for the input though.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:33:51 No.18760542 Report

Quoted By: >>18761594 >>18765805

>>18760529

Every religion is a cult. Sports are essentially cults. Political parties are cults. Societies are cults. Everybody belongs to a cult.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 17:36:09 No.18760555 Report

Quoted By: >>18761448

>>18760529

I actually happen to be a sectarian individualist, myself.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 20:26:20 No.18761448 Report

>>18760555

Bump.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 20:51:48 No.18761594 Report

>>18760542

and just look at the world.

Anonymous Sat 11 Mar 2017 23:43:35 No.18762314 Report

The strict hierarchy that makes cults so unhealthy is entirely absent here.

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace a551c84.jpg, 989KiB, 2448x3264

The image shows a hand holding a can of beer. The can is predominantly black with a white design featuring a stylized illustration of a goat's head. The goat has red eyes and is wearing a striped pattern. The text on the can reads "BLACK PHILIP" at the top and "BLAKES'S REAL APPLE" at the bottom. The background is blurred, suggesting a room setting with a carpeted floor. The style of the image is casual and appears to be taken in a domestic environment.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 05:51:17 No.18763213 Report

Quoted By: >>18763221

So has anyone here actually done any of the summoning of solomon demons ?

What was it like, did the dogs bark etc. whats mentioned in the pastebin?

Anyone have a quick rundown?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 05:56:23 No.18763221 Report

Quoted By: >>18763227

>>18763213

>So has anyone here actually done any of the summoning of solomon demons ?

Lots.

>What was it like, did the dogs bark etc. whats mentioned in the pastebin?

For me it's shit going dead quiet (the dogs \*stop\* barking) in the lower end and then them going apeshit in the middle tiers and then back to quiet when shit gets really real. Lots of flickering lights and mist while indoors. Outdoors tends to be more subtle. On visual evokation I tend to get "knocks" and thumps around the house for a few days afterward, but that's generally if I'm coupling Lemegeton with more serious work.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:00:08 No.18763227 Report

Quoted By: >>18763230

>>18763221

What happens if i use blood in summoning?

I once used blood in sigil but nothing happened.

Are you not afraid magick sends you to damnation?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:03:01 No.18763230 Report

Quoted By: >>18763235

>>18763227

>What happens if i use blood in summoning?

Depends on whose blood and why.

>I once used blood in sigil but nothing happened.

Imagine that, just bleeding on something isn't too effective without a structure behind it.

>Are you not afraid magick sends you to damnation?

No.

I \*wouldst\* like to live deliciously.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:06:46 No.18763233 Report

>>18759920

magick is the art of causing change in conformity with will.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:08:06 No.18763235 Report

Quoted By: >>18763245

>>18763230

I made sigil properly then shed blood I thought it symbolizes my will to sacrifice for the goal. However it was the first sigil I made and ill have to find some way to a reliable guide.

If you use your own blood to bind yourself to a protective solomon demon like orobas, what could go wrong?

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Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:10:53 No.18763241 Report

>>18760529

I'm so thankful for you dudes trying to help people, I couldn't do it

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:12:16 No.18763245 Report

Quoted By: >>18763248

>>18763235

ave you done anything other than one sigil? walk before you can run m8

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:13:57 No.18763248 Report

Quoted By: >>18763251

>>18763245

Meditated daily for atleast 2 years

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:15:21 No.18763251 Report

Quoted By: >>18763256 >>18763262

>>18763248

That's pretty decent.

Work on your sigilry.

Get good with divination.

THEN try Lemegeton.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:17:08 No.18763256 Report

Quoted By: >>18763263 >>18763269

>>18763251

this, with the possible exception of divination (not that it's not a good ability to train, just that I don't think it's necessary to be versed in it to successfully evoke.)

you can get pretty gr8 results out of sigils too, don't underestimate them

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:18:21 No.18763262 Report

Quoted By: >>18763266

>>18763251

Alright thanks. Any good guide to sigils?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:18:36 No.18763263 Report

Quoted By: >>18763268

>>18763256

I consider proficiency with one method of divination a prerequisite for most ceremonial work.

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The image is a sketch of a man's face, rendered in a realistic style. The man has a beard and mustache, and his hair is styled in a messy, tousled manner. His eyes are wide open, and he appears to be looking directly at the viewer. The background is a light beige color, which contrasts with the darker tones of the sketch. The artist's signature is visible in the lower right corner of the image. The style of the sketch is reminiscent of the post-impressionist movement, characterized by its use of loose, expressive lines and a focus on the emotional expression of the subject.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:19:29 No.18763266 Report

>>18763262

Agrippa.

Austin Osman Spare.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:20:55 No.18763268 Report

Quoted By: >>18763270

>>18763263

why?

I'm pretty experienced at tarot, and I can see why you would say that, but they seem to be sympatico either way, at least to me although I did do ritual magick for some time before really delving into tarot, so my opinion is biased by that.

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace Bf4ldeGCUAEoTvu.jpg, 56KiB, 582x800

The image shows a handwritten page with various handwritten notes and symbols. The text is in a language that appears to be Arabic, and the handwriting is in a cursive script. The page is divided into three sections, each with a different heading and a series of bullet points.

The first section, labeled "a) Word Method," begins with the phrase "I wish to obtain the Neonomian," followed by a list of instructions. The second section, labeled "b) Pictorial Method," includes a description of a method to create an obverse and an inverse, and a request to meet a person named Suki. The third section, labeled "c) Ritual Method," includes a request to meet a person named Dusud, and a request to meet a person named Hami Emmer Kusad.

The page is framed by a brownish border, and the background is a light color, possibly beige or off-white. The handwriting is dense and the text is in a bold, black font. The style of the image is reminiscent of a sketchbook or a notebook, with the handwritten notes and symbols providing a visual representation of the written instructions.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:21:57 No.18763269 Report

Quoted By: >>18763302

>>18763256

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:22:30 No.18763270 Report

Quoted By: >>18763272 >>18763277

>>18763268

I mean, you can, there's nothing wrong with it, but you're not gonna be able to check unexpected results on the fly without some sort of divination tool.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:24:02 No.18763272 Report

>>18763270

that is definitely true

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:26:05 No.18763277 Report

Quoted By: >>18763281

>>18763270

what is your opinion on thelema, if I can posit a question?

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace 012\_20121012\_1658688954.jpg, 41KiB, 402x500

The image is a black and white portrait of a man with a beard and mustache. The man appears to be middle-aged with a serious expression. He is wearing a white shirt and a necktie. The photograph is taken from a slightly angled perspective, with the man's head slightly tilted to the left. The background is plain and does not provide any additional context or details. At the bottom of the image, there is text that reads "Ceylon, September, 1901." The style of the image is reminiscent of a historical photograph, possibly from an old book or magazine.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:27:14 No.18763281 Report

Quoted By: >>18763284

>>18763277

You're talking to an initiated Thelemite.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:29:33 No.18763284 Report

Quoted By: >>18763285

>>18763281

not surprised by that desu

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trying to work from what I would consider 4=5 to 5=6 right now

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace tumblr\_inline\_mgjwpoiMVZ1roqm64.jpg, 34KiB, 500x466

The image features a star-shaped graphic with a gradient from a darker shade at the top to a lighter shade at the bottom. The star is outlined in a darker shade, and the text "there was an attempt" is written in a bold, sans-serif font, which is black in color. The text is centered within the star shape, and

the overall style of the image is simple and minimalistic, with a focus on the text. The image does not contain any additional elements or graphics, and the background is plain white. The style of the image is reminiscent of a meme or a social media post, often used to convey a humorous or ironic message.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:30:35 No.18763285 Report

>>18763284

er, 5=4

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:38:45 No.18763302 Report

Quoted By: >>18763323

>>18763269

Why does the austin sigil include vowel a too?

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 06:46:29 No.18763323 Report

Quoted By: >>18763364

>>18763302

spare had an extremely individualistic system

that pic is essentially cribbed from liber null, which is essentially about streamlined results oriented magick, theory wise

beyond that I couldn't tell you, from what I understand either would work so long as you don't recognize the initial intent behind the sigil and can charge it properly

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 07:08:32 No.18763364 Report

Quoted By: >>18763371

>>18763323

Oh I see.

So are there any corporate logos working as sigil in real life?

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 07:11:29 No.18763371 Report

Quoted By: >>18763378

>>18763364

all of em

egregore more than a sigil, those are implanted in the collective unconscious at this point

View SameGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace 1489256891135.jpg, 84KiB, 1000x541

The image is a black and white photograph featuring a creature that appears to be a hybrid of a human and a goat. The creature is standing upright on two legs, with its body oriented towards the left side of the frame. It has a goat-like head with large, curved horns and a humanoid body. The creature's skin is rough and uneven, with a texture that suggests it is made of a mixture of animal and human skin. It has a large, muscular body and a small, pointed snout. The creature's eyes are closed, and its mouth is open, revealing sharp teeth. The background is dark and out of focus, with trees and foliage visible, suggesting that the creature is in a forested area. There are no discernible texts or other objects in the image. The style of the image is reminiscent of a creature from folklore or mythology, with a focus on the creature's unique features and the contrast between its human and goat-like forms.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 07:13:37 No.18763378 Report

Quoted By: >>18763381

>>18763371

Ver interesting. My granpa warned me about getting into the occult rabbithole.

Not sure if I want to see how deep it goes.

View SameGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace 1474658404352.jpg, 246KiB, 526x877

The image is a black and white illustration featuring a character with a hooded cloak. The character has long, straight hair that falls past their shoulders. They have a neutral expression with their eyes closed, and their mouth is slightly open. The character's face is partially obscured by the hood, and their skin appears to be pale. The hood covers the upper part of their head, and the cloak drapes over their shoulders and down their back. The character's attire suggests a sense of mystery or anonymity. The image is simple and lacks any discernible details, focusing solely on the character's face and attire.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 07:16:25 No.18763381 Report

Quoted By: >>18763389

>>18763378

it goes as deep as you can follow it

eventually it's the only thing that really gives you the I just climbed a

mountain feeling, or equivalent, among other things  
Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 07:20:32 No.18763389 Report  
Quoted By: >>18763398  
>>18763381

Sounds good but also the thought of how the real life, advertising and hollywood stem from occult scares me.

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace f53ff4c19c0a96fc63851f3d31916aad.jpg, 76KiB, 564x564

The image displays a complex, symmetrical pattern composed of various symbols and numbers arranged in a circular arrangement. The pattern is composed of a series of concentric circles, each containing a different symbol or number. The symbols and numbers are arranged in a grid-like fashion, with each symbol or number occupying its own square. The symbols and numbers are interspersed with interlocking patterns, creating a sense of depth and complexity. The symbols and numbers are arranged in a way that suggests a hierarchical or symbolic meaning, with some symbols appearing more prominent than others. The arrangement is symmetrical, with the central symbol or number being the most prominent and surrounded by smaller symbols and numbers. The image is in black and white, which gives it a classic and timeless appearance. The text within the image is not legible due to the resolution and angle of the photograph. The overall style of the image is reminiscent of a traditional or esoteric symbol or text, possibly related to a specific tradition or belief system.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 07:24:08 No.18763398 Report  
Quoted By: >>18763412  
>>18763389

they're generally what we would consider lost or misguided, and not arrived anyway, or they wouldn't act the way they do  
also, if you don't see the fnords, how can you expect to resist the messages?  
they're not as good at it as you might think

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 07:30:25 No.18763412 Report  
Quoted By: >>18763427  
>>18763398

Yeah fuck it what do I have to lose. Im coming, Solomon.  
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Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 07:36:48 No.18763427 Report  
>>18763412

the mega archive in the OP is quality, if you don't know where to find texts that is a very good start

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 11:34:43 No.18763994 Report  
Quoted By: >>18764215  
>>18760448

>transcendentalism, be it dualist or nondualist, cuts to the quick faster than others, and that if one constructs as he did, one can rip down the veils of false perception.

MP said that? Holy shit

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 12:47:30 No.18764215 Report  
Quoted By: >>18764447  
>>18763994

I mean, that's what I understand him to be saying when he's in the intro talking about what he's doing and why he's doing it.

Don't get me wrong I don't think he's a mystic but the backbone of the text is concept that we're ruled by our perceptions which are variant due to biocultural factors. Getting from point A to point B requires a logically consistent transcendental idealism that rid his world of transcendence and opacity...hence the inspiration to write up his musings.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 14:14:14 No.18764447 Report  
Quoted By: >>18764469  
>>18764215

>point B

And how do you think he understands point b?



Thanks for taking the time to explain this to me, I should really just read him, but have a huge freaking reading list thanks in no small part to your library. I read world of perception some years back which i remember being a great accessible explanation of >>18764215

>our perceptions which are variant due to biocultural factors

but he doesn't have space to go beyond that much

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 14:18:55 No.18764469 Report

>>18764447

I'm just gonna read the intro tonight

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 16:05:41 No.18764908 Report

Quoted By: >>18764943

>>18756199

Ape if you not consider rude me asking you, do you belong any tradition, and if so which one?

Also what is your honest opinion about discordians and chaos magick?

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 16:13:30 No.18764943 Report

Quoted By: >>18764957

>>18764908

sorry forget the first part. i just saw you being a thelemite.

anyway wahat about discordians and chaos magick though?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 16:15:28 No.18764957 Report

Quoted By: >>18764976

>>18764943

David Gordon White, author of the second book in the OP, is the new hotness in the Chaos community.

Discordianism is fun.

Chaos can be very potent if applied correctly and isn't just memes.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 16:22:06 No.18764976 Report

>>18764957

thank for point that book up.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 17:45:39 No.18765380 Report

Quoted By: >>18765607

I have a hard time projecting, is there some kind of useful meditation or technique I could do?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 18:49:59 No.18765607 Report

Quoted By: >>18765635

>>18765380

Not really.

Crowley recommends Rising on the Planes.

I found \$cientology's tech (three feet back of your head) to be pretty decent.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 18:57:38 No.18765635 Report

Quoted By: >>18765646

>>18765607

Just checking in to say I find Rising on the Planes a particularly effective method.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:00:56 No.18765646 Report

Quoted By: >>18765654

>>18765635

I never got much of anywhere using Crowley's tech.

In the end I 'broke through' with the reverse, a "lowering" on the planes. My first AP felt like crashing through successive plywood floors until hitting like a membrane like layer and stepping OB.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:03:21 No.18765654 Report

Quoted By: >>18765662 >>18768818 >>18770747

>>18765646

Interesting. How about Aquino? What's your view on his tech/ him generally?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:06:07 No.18765662 Report

Quoted By: >>18765677 >>18765682 >>18768818 >>18770747

>>18765654

I'm HIGHLY sympathetic to Aquino and if I clung to my teenage edgelordieness I may have wound up a Temple of Set initiate.

My original commentary on Liber 7 was essentially an explication of the Sapphire Tablet of Set.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:09:34 No.18765677 Report

Quoted By: >>18765683 >>18770747

>>18765662

Ha. I almost did, as my trajectory took me from Xtianity, to standard atheism, to LaVey, to Aquino...etc. I suppose that's a fairly standard path for one who starts as a young teenager?

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:11:17 No.18765682 Report

Quoted By: >>18765686 >>18765699 >>18770747

>>18765662

Is your commentary in the library?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:11:25 No.18765683 Report

Quoted By: >>18765690 >>18770747

>>18765677

Um, I'd say it was common for a certain generation.

I got turned on to LaVey through organized online Atheism in the early 00's but only stayed infatuated for a short time.

Meanwhile I still get use out of Aquino well after LaVey outlived his usefulness.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:12:04 No.18765686 Report

>>18765682

Nope.

I think I've posted both early and late iterations of it, maybe, lemme go hunt on the archives.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:14:12 No.18765690 Report

Quoted By: >>18765699

>>18765683

I see. I would say LaVey outlived his usefulness for me, except when somebody asks me how magick actually works, and they have zero background or knowledge to understand a more complex source, I generally point them toward the Satanic Bible as a general-rundown type thing.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:17:43 No.18765699 Report

Quoted By: >>18765705 >>18765984 >>18770747

>>18765690

>Satanic Bible as a general-rundown type thing.

He was my first exposure to a somewhat stiff psychological model.

Interestingly that was published later in the same year that Turner's "The Ritual Process" was published, a high water mark in ritual anthropology, and covers much of the same "intellectual decompression" to the point where I'm pretty sure LaVey was using it.

>>18765682

Here's a link to excerpts from my old commentary:

<http://archive.4plebs.org/x/thread/14494044/#14506683>

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:20:33 No.18765705 Report

Quoted By: >>18765713 >>18765731

>>18765699

Yes, I never did believe LaVey was original... only in a very "I borrowed and stole so many ideas, and made up such a story about my own past, that nobody has ever compiled borrowed/stolen info in such a way before" kind of way. Thanks for the link!

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:25:44 No.18765713 Report

>>18765705

Blows me away how much of this is in line with David Chaim Smith years before I ever heard of the cat.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:26:28 No.18765717 Report

Quoted By: >>18765722 >>18765730

What is the foundation for a hopeful (non yet) initiate? Speaking in terms of what is to be read and understood?

I've had a copy of the complete works of Golden Dawn which I've passed along to a close friend curious of the book.  
For whatever reason I couldn't get into it, I understand the lessons are embedded but the style of writing was of a snooty nature that I couldn't get past. I've read gnostic works; Nag Hammadi Library and various texts of antiquated faiths marginally practiced today; my intention is to take part in the great work, to heighten my understanding of reality and in turn offer what I can. I've snagged a dozen or so texts from the collective archive linked in OP but have no idea where to start or means of approach. The scope is boggling furthermore I can't shake the implicit simplicity of it all, such as a sequence of words or taking a thought from the right perspective opening the flood gates.

If I'm not worthy than I'm not worthy, it won't dissuade me at all as I'll continue on in the path of been trotting along.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:27:57 No.18765722 Report  
>>18765717

yeah how that post appeared was misleading.

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace images.mobilism.org.png, 218KiB, 335x499  
The image is a book cover with a predominantly white background. At the top, there is a title in bold red and black text that reads "LORDS OF THE LEFT-HAND PATH." Below the title, in smaller black text, is the subtitle "FORBIDDEN PRACTICES & SPIRITUAL HERESIES." The author's name, "Stephen E. Flowers Ph.D.," is displayed in black text at the bottom.

In the center of the cover, there is an illustration of a hand holding a red apple. The hand is adorned with a snake, which is coiled around the apple. The snake has a brownish-black color and is depicted with its tongue sticking out. The snake's head is positioned above the apple, and its body extends from the hand to the apple.

To the left of the illustration, there is a pentagram, which is a five-pointed star with a cross at the top. The pentagram is white with a black outline. The overall style of the image is graphic and artistic, with a focus on the contrast between the white background and the colorful elements of the illustration. The text and the illustration are arranged in a way that draws the viewer's attention to the central image of the hand holding the apple.

FearlessVampireKiller !!9cX8at186Fr Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:30:09 No.18765726 Report  
Quoted By: >>18765741

Read this recently, contributing.

>From black magic and Satanism to Gnostic sects and Gurdjieff's Fourth Way, the left-hand path has been linked to many practices, cults, and individuals across the ages. Stephen Flowers, Ph.D., examines the methods, teachings, and historical role of the left-hand path, from its origins in Indian tantric philosophy to its underlying influence in current world affairs, and reveals which philosophers, magicians, and occult figures throughout history can truly be called "Lords of the Left-Hand Path."

Flowers explains that while the right-hand path seeks union with and thus dependence on God, the left-hand path seeks a "higher law" based on knowledge and power. It is the way of self-empowerment and true freedom. Beginning with ancient Hindu and Buddhist sects and moving Westward, he examines many alleged left-hand path groups, including the Cult of Set, the Yezidi Devil Worshipers, the Assassins, the Neoplatonists, the Hell-Fire Club, the Bolsheviks, the occult Nazis, and several heretical Sufi, Zoroastrian, Christian, and Muslim sects. Following a carefully crafted definition of a true adherent of the left-hand path based on two main principles--self-deification and challenge to the conventions of "good" and "evil"--the author analyzes many famous and infamous personalities, including H. P. Blavatsky, Faust, the Marquis de Sade, Austin Osman Spare, Aleister Crowley, Gerald Gardner, Anton LaVey, and Michael Aquino, and reveals which occult masters were Lords of the Left-Hand Path.

Flowers shows that the left-hand path is not inherently evil but part of our heritage and our deep-seated desire to be free, independent, and in control of our destinies.

<http://www8.zippyshare.com/v/LmwRhEMq/file.html>

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:30:19 No.18765730 Report

Quoted By: >>18765741 >>18765942

>>18765717

If you've ACTUALLY read most of the Nag Hammadi library, read "Mirror of Simple Souls" and keep both Pistis Sophia and Thunder:Perfect Mind in your head as you read it.

That'll give you a solid Christian contemplative basis.

It's understandable to not be able to get into the GD papers. But after a certain point in the modern era they gotta be apprehended and dealt with because everything from Crowley through Andrew Chumley uses them as a basis and they themselves are an elaboration of Dr. John Dee's Hieroglyphic Monad.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:30:34 No.18765731 Report

Quoted By: >>18765766

>>18765705

Indeed. I gained a lot of insight from your commentary. THANK you!

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:32:54 No.18765741 Report

>>18765726

I have that in the house, got it secondhand. Flowers is always decent but in the end it's "babby's first Western LHP" which isn't bad, but not what many of us need.

INTERESTINGLY it mentions >>18765730

>Mirror of Simple Souls  
repeatedly.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:40:24 No.18765766 Report

>>18765731

No problem, that's not even the meat of it.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:47:27 No.18765781 Report

Quoted By: >>18765795 >>18765799

>>18758904

>Why isn't this written on the cover of GD books?

Because that's just what the clowns in these threads have to tell themselves.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:51:34 No.18765795 Report

Quoted By: >>18765843

>>18765781

>Because that's just what the clowns in these threads have to tell themselves.

Except it's explicitly their Pentagrammaton, the original subject of M:TP's chapter on the Formula of the Neophyte before ThROA's revisions, and explicitly unpacked by their materials.

You're gonna need a citation for me if wanna say you've got a refutation of their usage.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:52:04 No.18765799 Report

>>18765781

Don't worry, we have a resident J-O-O hater, who also likes to make shit up.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:54:31 No.18765805 Report

Quoted By: >>18765814 >>18765821

>>18760542

Your definition of the word "cult" is about as broad, sweeping, and ultimately useless as a feminist's definition of "rape".

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:56:31 No.18765814 Report

Quoted By: >>18765842

>>18765805

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=493pL\\_Vbtnc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=493pL_Vbtnc)

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:57:13 No.18765821 Report

>>18765805

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 19:58:36 No.18765824 Report

\*feminist \*\*ARE equal

>>18765814

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:02:34 No.18765843 Report

>>18765795

Look I can point to a passage in a book that PROVES it!

Quoted By: >>18765856 >>18765858 >>18765868

>>18765821

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:04:54 No.18765853 Report

>>18765843

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:05:04 No.18765856 Report

>>18765843

I dunno how you can construe their usage of the keyword as mutually exclusive, especially considering their source(s), but ok.

>>18765845

^This.

Quoted By: >>18765869

>>18765845

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:08:00 No.18765867 Report

>>18765853

>>18765856

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:08:32 No.18765868 Report

>>18765845

Also

>ad hominem

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:09:05 No.18765869 Report

>>18765858

[illegible]

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Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:10:09 No.18765872 Report

>>18765867

I don't think anybody was positing that. But you can indeed use the formulas without any belief in or affinity for judeo-christianity.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:11:23 No.18765877 Report

Quoted By: >>18765890

>>18765869

I hope you are just trolling. If not, you should take some time off from the computer, spend more time outside. Good luck, and I hope you get better soon.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:13:21 No.18765884 Report

Quoted By: >>18765888

>>18765868

Yup, I was wrong. EVERYBODY belongs to a cult because everything IS a cult. BTF0 by a guy who can't even spell "feminist" correctly.

FML.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:14:01 No.18765885 Report

Quoted By: >>18765893

>>18765867

I don't deny that, much of these formulaic usage appears derived from Hekhalot/Merkavah literature like Hekhalot Rabbati, Sefer Raziel, Sefer Yetzirah, etc.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:14:44 No.18765888 Report

Quoted By: >>18765900 >>18766336

>>18765884

Don't you have a flat earth thread, or a "jyews control the world" thread to be posting in? This is The Magick general, friend.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:15:23 No.18765890 Report

Quoted By: >>18765897 >>18765899

>>18765877

You just wait till I use my super-secret Cultus Sabbati cursing kit on you.

P.S You're still a fucking pussy.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:15:34 No.18765893 Report

>>18765885

>forgot my crunchy and relevant tune

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXCh90hDiCI>

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:17:28 No.18765897 Report

Quoted By: >>18765905

>>18765890

>Thinks you buy ready-made cursing kits

>feels tough for calling a woman a pussy.

Tell me, do you beat elderly women to prove how strong you are?

Now I know you are trolling.

View SameGoogleiqdbSauceNA0Trace 1458152277847.jpg, 90KiB, 720x960

The image shows a close-up of a human skull resting on a red cloth. The skull is white and appears to be old, with visible signs of wear and decay. It has a prominent nose and a small mouth. The skull is positioned on a wooden surface, which has a rustic appearance with visible wood grain.

In the background, there are various objects that suggest a setting that might be associated with a historical or supernatural theme. To the left, there is a jar with a red lid, and to the right, there is a metal bucket with a handle. The objects are arranged in a way that the skull is the central focus, with the other items providing context to the setting.

The image has a vintage or historical feel, with the wooden surface and the style of the objects contributing to this ambiance. There are no texts or discernible brands visible in the image. The style of the image is realistic with a focus on the skull, and it is taken in natural light, which casts soft shadows on the objects and the cloth.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:18:23 No.18765899 Report

Quoted By: >>18770238  
>>18765890  
You got the decoder ring too?

Remember to your Ritual slot to SA, Rite of the Turnskin :3

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQrGRR6Su4E>  
Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:18:38 No.18765900 Report  
Quoted By: >>18765908 >>18765932  
>>18765888  
>This is The Magick general, friend

Yes, I know. I could tell by the nu-male smell in here.

It was you guys that convinced me to NEVER share e-books with anyone online anymore. You may think that's no big deal but I guarantee you that I've got a bunch you'd want. Congratulations!  
Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:19:53 No.18765905 Report  
>>18765897

Your dresses and make-up don't make you a woman, despite what your friends on tumblr tell you.  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:20:54 No.18765908 Report  
Quoted By: >>18765915 >>18765978  
>>18765900  
Holy shit, Team Illuminati?

Want me to post the other half of the inner initiatory edition of Dragon Book of Essex's ritual gestures?

Nah, think I'll keep 'em for myself a bit longer.  
Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:23:09 No.18765915 Report  
Quoted By: >>18765928  
>>18765908  
Thanks for all you do, man. I feel like what you do here goes underappreciated sometimes. Despite attempts to de-rail, I'm sure you're used to it. Please don't EVER stop posting, as long as you can stand it!  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:26:36 No.18765928 Report  
Quoted By: >>18765940  
>>18765915  
I mean, it's not like my goal with the library's essentially accomplished.

I could use an edition of Kalika Purana, Sveccarananda Tantra, clear scans of Film 12 in the Yorke materials, a couple of academic scans of Dee shit I should reassemble.

After the first ever public release of Tantraloka in English and the Yorke Microfilms online, I'm sorta alright with doing anything more significant than that.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:26:51 No.18765932 Report  
Quoted By: >>18765982  
>>18765900  
2/10 for effort.  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:28:45 No.18765940 Report  
Quoted By: >>18765945  
>>18765928  
>I'm sorta alright with not doing anything more significant than that.  
Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:29:12 No.18765942 Report  
>>18765730

Exactly what I needed to read,, truly appreciate it, with the volume of texts available my head whirls from where to place my next step.  
Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:29:33 No.18765945 Report  
Quoted By: >>18765967  
>>18765940

I can dig that.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:34:57 No.18765967 Report

>>18765945

I'm still gonna max out the gb limit on this library...and maybe buy an expansion at a later date if I can justify it.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:38:49 No.18765978 Report

Quoted By: >>18765985

>>18765908

Go ahead. There's nothing you can provide me with that I don't already have access to. \*wink wink\*

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:41:01 No.18765982 Report

>>18765932

>2/10

You're lucky. You wouldn't be able to take more than 2 of my 10 inches without it ripping your asshole anyway.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:41:21 No.18765984 Report

Quoted By: >>18765990

>>18765699

><http://archive.4plebs.org/x/thread/14494044/#14506683>

Am I right to see your notion of the will of the magister templi as somewhat similar to the sambogakhaya?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:41:30 No.18765985 Report

>>18765978

K.

Sure thing mate.

I can post pics of my rare unpublished typescripts from Helen Oliver's collection.

Can you?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:44:52 No.18765990 Report

Quoted By: >>18766022

>>18765984

>sambogakhaya

I mean, sorta?

There's no radiant living-death, but many of the other features are rather similar.

I'm of the fundamental position that Crowley doesn't "get" Buddhism, and this reflects in attempts to compare the two.

The Magister Templi is not the state of a Boddhisattva, but they're conceptually linked.

There's an 'externalization' factor here that is de-emphasized in Vajrayana in favor or less "around the bush" methods.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 20:55:01 No.18766022 Report

Quoted By: >>18766044

>>18765990

>Crowley doesn't "get" Buddhism

I don't have your knowledge of crowley, but i've thought this too, inasfar as he seems to me to have a kind of schopenhauery almost antinatal notion of buddhism.

Do you think I' misreading him? what do you think Crowley misunderstands?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 21:00:22 No.18766044 Report

Quoted By: >>18766054 >>18766298

>>18766022

>schopenhauery

Makes since given he's one of Schope's intellectual inheritors (more like Schelling, but w/e).

>antinatal

I feel like he was at least trying harder than that.

I dunno, I just think he was rather too early in the English textual history to



get coherent info. Remember, he lived most of his life before the Tut excavations and was handed his first legit tantra toward the end of his life(that we can verify).

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 21:02:28 No.18766054 Report  
>>18766044

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8e5VSb3Gyo>

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 21:16:16 No.18766120 Report

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=siG32DcmCa8>

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 21:31:43 No.18766169 Report

>>18756642

Wonder what kind of mystical arts could be learned from studying the Codex Seraphinianus. Definitely seems like the one who made it had some knowledge of the occult. Probably should look into the Voynich Manuscript too.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 21:40:32 No.18766199 Report

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xw2MjRcV04g>

ns Sun 12 Mar 2017 22:12:04 No.18766298 Report

Quoted By: >>18766312 >>18766327

>>18766044

Haven't read schelling, my philosophy game is pretty weak. I suppose I ought to if transcendental idealism is so dang useful. What do you think of Spinoza?

The preface to Phenomenology of perception is brilliant by the way "The world is not an object such that I have in my possession the law of its making; it is the natural setting of, and field for, all my thoughts and all my explicit perceptions. Truth does not 'inhabit' only 'the inner man', or more accurately, there is no inner man, man is in the world, and only in the world does he know himself. When I return to myself from an excursion into the realm of dogmatic common sense or of science, I find, not a source of intrinsic truth, but a subject destined to the world."

I only know the broadest outline of his biography but for what little it's worth I think he may well have been a mystic

>>18759927

>"Any logically consistent transcendental idealism rids the world of transcendence and opacity."

continues "...The world is precisely that

thing of which we form a representation, not as men or as empirical subjects, but in so far as we are all one light and participate in the One without destroying its unity. Analytical reflection knows nothing of the problem of other minds, or of that of the world, because it insists that with the first glimmer of consciousness there appears in me theoretically the power of reaching some universal truth, and that the other person, being equally without thisness, location or body, the Alter and the Ego are one and the same in the true world which is the unifier of

minds." and there are plenty of other passages I could quote with a similar flavour

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 22:16:01 No.18766312 Report

Quoted By: >>18766327

>>18766298

>What do you think of Spinoza?

Babby's first tier.

>>18766298

>I only know the broadest outline of his biography but for what little it's worth I think he may well have been a mystic

Hence why I lean on Merleau-Ponty as well as Levinas's Totality and Infinity.

Phenomenology of Perception is easily the best instance of naked deductive philosophy in generations.

>and there are plenty of other passages I could quote with a similar flavour I picked the 'consistent' quote because it's the shortest summation of the concepts played with.

I'll warn, though, it gets SUPER basic and dry and philosophy-y in the next

couple chapters using visual perspective as the basis of further exploration.  
Brew some coffee if you wanna push through it.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 22:20:20 No.18766327 Report

Quoted By: >>18766371

>>18766312

>>18766298

It's also probably relevant to you, NS, that Phenomenology of Perception is more or less in total agreement with Abhidhamma, and its speculation on mental constructs and aggregates.

Abhinavagupta (to digress) makes the West look like flailing droopy-eyed children by being something like eight hundred years ahead of Godel and ALMOST 700 ahead of Mendel.

Pay attention to your South Asian masters. They knew shit from fuck about things we're just now starting to grapple with.

Anonymous Sun 12 Mar 2017 22:23:35 No.18766336 Report

Quoted By: >>18766358

>>18765888

Ape, it's kinda funny. You want to be the bigger man, but you resort to the same mocking tactics that the common 'shill' uses, and have a 'unique' tendency to shout down any dissenting opinions. It's really rather funny how you try to make yourself out to be just an innocent practitioner, but when people start trying to correct you or bring up facts on certain things, you flip out and start lashing out against them and anyone with similar views. It really makes the old neurons fire at an increased pace.

View SameGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace genwar.png, 270KiB, 620x1001

The image is a black and white photograph featuring a person standing against a red background. The person is wearing a black outfit that includes a black mask with a red X on the forehead, a black turtleneck, and black pants. They are holding a large, black, curved object in their right hand, which appears to be a weapon, possibly a sword or a knife. The person's left hand is also visible, holding a small, black object that could be a button or a buttonhole. The person's stance is confident, with their right leg slightly bent and their left arm resting on their hip. The overall style of the image is dramatic and intense, with a strong contrast between the black clothing and the red background. There are no visible texts or additional elements in the image.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Sun 12 Mar 2017 22:27:19 No.18766358 Report

>>18766336

So, I'm gonna say that's not me then you're gonna say prove it then I'm gonna post the screencap then you're gonna say it's altered then I'm gonna say posting my opinion isn't shouting down anyone in a general thread then you're gonna accuse me of being enraged then I'm gonna post a music vid from the early 90's and we're gonna be back at square one so let's just save some time and skip that cycle.

Sound good?

ns Sun 12 Mar 2017 22:30:27 No.18766371 Report

>>18766327

noted, thanks

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 01:59:15 No.18766940 Report

well...this is the biggest piece of knowledge i've come across and as a non native english speaker i must say that (trying to) read this will be a wild ride so kudos to OP and thanks for the share

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 02:34:53 No.18767006 Report

>>18760492

Are you excited about the new expansion for Stellaris? It looks like they are totally changing internal politics

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 03:32:29 No.18767121 Report

Thank to all of you for keeping this general alive. Just skimming and lurking in it gives me motivation to read up on more and learn more and practice more occult.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 04:27:54 No.18767205 Report

>>18756199

OP can you give me a brief summary of the aftermath of a summoning,  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 10:32:02 No.18767918 Report  
Bump because the 'clowns are nephilim/nephilim are clowns' troll is getting boring.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 12:15:58 No.18768170 Report

Quoted By: >>18768177

Why its recommended to destroy the sigil asao instead of holding on to it?

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 12:19:26 No.18768177 Report

Quoted By: >>18768182

>>18768170

the entire point of destroying it is releasing its energy and letting it go, holding onto it serves no purpose

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 12:21:33 No.18768182 Report

Quoted By: >>18768262

>>18768177

The psychonaut pdf said that it would grow like gremlin if not destroyed.

What if I make a small cut of blood before I burn it. Would it give it more power?

View SameGoogleiqdbSauceNA0Trace 6912759.jpg, 522KiB, 682x680

The image is a vibrant and intricate piece of digital art that appears to be a digital illustration or a digital painting. It features a central figure with a large, detailed eye surrounded by a halo-like structure. The eye is surrounded by a swirl of colors, including shades of blue, orange, and yellow, and is set against a backdrop of geometric patterns in shades of blue, purple, and yellow. Surrounding the eye are various other elements that contribute to the overall composition. There are stylized representations of birds and other forms, some of which are in motion, suggesting a sense of energy or movement. The art style is reminiscent of psychedelic or trippy art, characterized by its use of bright colors, abstract shapes, and intricate patterns.

The image does not contain any discernible text or logos, and the style is highly stylized, with a focus on the interplay of colors and shapes rather than on realistic details. The overall impression is one of a dreamlike or surrealistic scene, possibly intended to evoke a sense of wonder or to stimulate the viewer's imagination.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 12:29:39 No.18768204 Report

Bump.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 12:49:21 No.18768262 Report

Quoted By: >>18768788

>>18768182

it growing and it working are two different things, and the more energy you put into anything the more drastic your results

in theory

i'm only here because i was with a pagan girl and a bunch of crazy shit happened, i only remember some of what she told me

everything else is just personal experience

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNA0Trace 1546339\_676288915755898\_23185613 (...).jpg, 242KiB, 960x806

The image is a digital collage with a surrealistic and abstract style. It features a group of people in suits and ties, some of whom are holding objects that resemble cameras or cameras. The central figure is a triangle with a golden eye, which is surrounded by a halo-like glow. The background is a blend of red and gold hues, with a wreath-like design. The text "First Light" is overlaid on the image, suggesting a theme or title. The overall composition is chaotic and the image has a grainy texture, giving it a vintage or aged appearance.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 13:37:04 No.18768462 Report

>H. RES. 642

>>>Recognizing magic as a rare and valuable art form and national treasure.

>IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

>March 14, 2016

>Mr. Sessions (for himself, Mr. Stivers, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Donovan, Mr. Dent, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Buck) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-resolution/642/text>

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 14:05:02 No.18768574 Report

Quoted By: >>18768862

>>18756199

Ape, curious about your solution for the Sphinx switch of the Man and the Eagle in the Thoth Tarot. I'm not satisfied with any of the various solutions I've seen published here and there. Gunther one is especially awful, have to say.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 15:08:01 No.18768788 Report

Quoted By: >>18769250

>>18768262

I'd like to hear some of these stories.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 15:17:00 No.18768818 Report

Quoted By: >>18768862

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>>18765662

What's with all of the dark stories and conspiracies surrounding him?

He seems like he's powerful enough to get away with all that shit, so I don't know what to make of it.

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The image depicts a scene of a road with a fire burning in the distance. The fire is visible as a large, bright orange and yellow plume, which is the most prominent feature in the image. The fire is situated on the left side of the road, with the smoke rising into the sky. The road itself is a two-lane highway, and there is a car on the right side of the road, moving away from the fire. The surrounding environment includes trees and hills, and the sky is overcast with a hazy quality. There are no visible texts or discernible brands in the image. The style of the image is a candid photograph, capturing a moment in time without any artistic filters or alterations.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 15:32:33 No.18768861 Report

Quoted By: >>18768868 >>18768962

[http://dboe.wikia.com/wiki/Dragon\\_Book\\_of\\_Essex\\_Wikia](http://dboe.wikia.com/wiki/Dragon_Book_of_Essex_Wikia)

Anyone here responsible for this?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 15:32:52 No.18768862 Report

Quoted By: >>18769138 >>18770747

>>18768818

>What's with all of the dark stories and conspiracies surrounding him?

Dark stories and conspiracies.

I offer the total archives of the Scroll of Set, where Aquino gives a month-by-month running commentary of the "Presidio" scandal from, what 1986? Until it ends entirely. The article string is called "A Tree in the North", you can find it in the Scroll of Set's index.

>>18768574

>Gunther one is especially awful, have to say.

That's because Gunther's a fuckwit.

See Liber 418:

>Shriek, therefore, shriek aloud; mingle the roar of the gored lion and the moan of the torn bull, and the cry of the man that is torn by the claws of the Eagle, and the scream of the Eagle that is strangled by the hands of the Man. Mingle all these in the death-shriek of the Sphinx, for the blind man hath profaned her mystery. Who is this, Oedipus, Tiresias, Erinyes? Who is this, that is blind and a seer, a fool above wisdom? Whom do the hounds of heaven follow, and the

crocodiles of hell await? Aleph, Vau, Yod, Ayin, Resh, Tau, is his name.

>Beneath his feet is the Kingdom, and upon his head the Crown. He is spirit and matter; he is peace and power; in him is Chaos and Night and Pan; and upon BABALON his concubine, that hath made him drunk upon the blood of the saints that she hath gathered in her golden cup, hath he begotten the virgin that now he doth deflower. And this is that which is written: Malkuth shall be uplifted and set upon the throne of Binah. And this is the stone of the philosophers that is set as a seal upon the Tomb of Tetragrammaton, and the elixir of life that is distilled from the blood of the saints, and the red powder that is the grinding up of the bones of Choronzon.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 15:34:27 No.18768866 Report

Quoted By: >>18768905

Could you upload volume 2 of "Masonry Illustrated, The Complete Ritual etc", the one you have on there only goes up to the 18th degree

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 15:35:11 No.18768868 Report

Quoted By: >>18768962

>>18768861

Me.

I've yet to post all my notes.

<http://archive.4plebs.org/x/thread/18131927/#18134112>

The principle owner of the website was a Golden Dawn initiate who bowed out of the practice while I continued, reaching the festival of One Year and a Day this last solstice, conferring the second degree of Mastery of the system.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 15:47:01 No.18768905 Report

>>18768866

If you can find me a copy of it, yeah, I'd be happy to.

I know my Freemasonry files are incomplete, but last I went on a smash and grab (and it's been a while) it wasn't like there were complete copies of Collectanea or anything floating around.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:00:47 No.18768962 Report

>>18768868

>>18768861

One of the most major changes that needs to be made is the discussion on the Serpent Watchers.

There's a fuckload going on and I was trying to syncretize to hard early on to just get a handle on who/what the principle Mothers and Fathers of Wytchblood were.

After a year of work, research, ritual, and study, I've got solid answers (Serpentary as per TAN unless otherwise directed for the rite you're on, but the four quarters are guarded by the Agrippan Infernal Principalities, period).

Beyond that I think my comment on the rites cuts off shortly before LA in my notes. I need to write up a commentary on TAN and HUA, but Tan is simply Sabbatick Headless Rite (I invoke thee, who didst....etc.) keyed the infernal principalities. Notice....SA is Spring Equinox....TAN is Fall. SA-TAN.

Hua's more shamanic styled work. Shame I didn't have a full human body to chop up. Bone fragments had to suffice.

I could write a three volume series trying to explain the Dragon Book of Essex at this point.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:03:41 No.18768974 Report

>>18760066

This sounds like Megami Tensei

View SameGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace Bowie Sphix.jpg, 10KiB, 205x245

The image is a close-up photograph of a person's face and upper body. The individual has long, dark hair and is wearing a metallic, ornate helmet with a circular emblem on the front. The helmet has a prominent, circular emblem with a design that includes a stylized face and what appears to be a stylized letter

'C'. The person is also wearing a necklace with a large, ornate pendant. The background is a gradient of blue, transitioning from a lighter shade at the top to a darker shade at the bottom. The lighting in the image is soft, casting a gentle glow on the person's face. There are no discernible texts or additional objects in the image. The style of the image is reminiscent of a historical or fantasy-themed portrait, with a focus on the person's attire and the helmet.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:17:15 No.18769036 Report

Quoted By: >>18769044

Do any modern Golden Dawn organisations have anything going for them, or are they all LARP groups?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:20:08 No.18769044 Report

Quoted By: >>18769059 >>18769153

>>18769036

Ciceros?

Stella Matutina still carries the torch.

Hope you're in Europe.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:24:14 No.18769059 Report

>>18769044

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iW1jxJ6ISks>

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:45:10 No.18769138 Report

Quoted By: >>18769147

>>18768862

Interesting, Liber LXV also says something Bout the Eagle and the Man united, and something about the Fool. What is your interpretation about all this?

View SameGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace 475px-Ba\_bird.svg.png, 166KiB, 475x600

The image is a stylized illustration of a bird, which appears to be a type of raptor, possibly a hawk or a falcon, based on its design. The bird is depicted with a predominantly green body, white underparts, and a black head. The body of the bird is adorned with a pattern of green and white feathers, and it has a long, pointed beak. The bird's legs are yellow, and it has a single, long, pointed tail. The background of the image is black, which contrasts with the bird's colors and makes it stand out. There are no texts or other discernible objects in the image. The style of the illustration is reminiscent of ancient Egyptian art, with its use of geometric shapes and stylized lines.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:47:45 No.18769147 Report

Quoted By: >>18769249

>>18769138

The 'Bâ' (b3) was everything that makes an individual unique, similar to the notion of 'personality'. (In this sense, inanimate objects could also have a 'Bâ', a unique character, and indeed Old Kingdom pyramids often were called the Bâ of their owner). The Bâ is an aspect of a person that the Egyptians believed would live after the body died, and it is sometimes depicted as a human-headed bird flying out of the tomb to join with the Ka in the afterlife.

View SameGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace 1-xjGPIDk61UgDjzA-q9R5XQ.jpg, 96KiB, 500x686

The image is a color photograph featuring a person with a distinctive style. The individual is wearing a green and white striped headscarf, which is adorned with a gold-colored circular headpiece. The person's hands are clasped together in front of them, with their fingers slightly curled. They are also wearing a gold-colored ring on their left hand and a gold-colored bracelet on their right wrist. The person's face is partially obscured by a pair of dark sunglasses. The background is a plain, light-colored surface, which contrasts with the vibrant colors of the person's attire. The style of the image is reminiscent of fashion photography, with a focus on the individual's unique accessories and attire.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:48:54 No.18769153 Report

Quoted By: >>18769166

>>18769044

I'm a bong, are there any functioning in the East Midlands?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:54:24 No.18769166 Report

Quoted By: >>18769562

>>18769153

>East Midlands

Irelands local bodies are legit.

I mean, that's closer than Spain, Italy, or Portugal.

Just don't get caught up with David Griffin's (HOGD-A0) shit, eh?

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 16:55:22 No.18769170 Report

>>18756931

In the true religion there is no sect, therefore take heed that thou blaspheme not the name by which another knoweth his God; for if thou do this thing in Jupiter thou wilt blaspheme יהוה and in Osiris יהשׁוה. Ask and ye shall have! Seek, and ye shall find! Knock, and it shall be opened unto you!

<https://hermetic.com/crowley/libers/lib30>

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 17:12:43 No.18769249 Report

>>18769147

So you would say that the switch only tries to imply this? The rest of attributions remains the same?

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 17:12:47 No.18769250 Report

Quoted By: >>18769362

>>18768788

it's a long story, you sure you want to hear it?

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 17:36:06 No.18769362 Report

Quoted By: >>18769519 >>18769573 >>18769612 >>18769621 >>18769669

>>18769250

Yes! I'm always up for magic/occult related stories.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 18:19:08 No.18769519 Report

Quoted By: >>18769968

>>18769362

well i'm high so i can't promise this will be good, but i'll give it a go

since i was a kid i've always had weird experience, lucid dreams, sleep paralysis, dreams that would come true, out of body experiences, always saying things just before people said them

people tell me i always know exactly how to hurt them, and how to make them feel better

deja vu when i was on a vacation, that didn't seem significant

just a lot of things, but nothing worth really taking note of

on my 22nd birthday i had an intense pcg trip, i blacked out after a lot of deja vu and when i snapped out of it i was in the middle of having sex and i had no idea how i got there it was like waking up from a dream

like my body had been going, but i was gone everything faded back in from nothingness

after sex i was still feeling out of it, i tried to write to get my mind off of what was going on

and i started to auto write, i wrote about how i was going to meet a girl and she was going to tell me what she thought i was and would make me remember

i wrote about what she would look like, and i wrote about where she was from

and i thought it was crazy so i just shrugged it off and blamed drugs

years later i ended up meeting her, and we had a weird instant connection

she started saying the things i wrote about, and i told her she was

so she started thinking about doing a past life ritual, and i was stupid i thought she was joking

i told her it was a bad idea, but i also just laughed about it thinking nothing would happen

and then she did it

i dreamt about the ocean for 3 days the tide came in, closer every night

on the first night there was a turtle on the beach, the second there was a stringed instrument not a guitar something older and it had a peacock carved into it

the night the tide swept me away there was a tiger on the shore

the next day the "memories" started

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 18:29:08 No.18769562 Report

>>18769166

know any gd'ers in toronto?

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 18:31:17 No.18769573 Report

Quoted By: >>18769968

>>18769362

for an entire year i remembered a life from earliest childhood memories until death in rome, and part of me found it funny because i was there when i had the deja vu on vacation

the intensity of it made me feel crazy, i ended up begging her to do the same to my fiancée

so she did, and the three of us tested each other on shared memories, and talked about them

with all of the feelings still lingering it was strange

during that time i had a dream about a deer that i followed through the woods to a temple covered in vines, and i went inside and there were statues carved in wood that looked like a party frozen in time

they were holding goblets for wine, fauns centaurs, and a lot of women

i walked around looking at them, some of them were holding instruments and i climbed these stairs up to a table covered in grapes

when i woke up i told her about it, and she told me it sounded like dionysus was calling to me

she said if i wanted i could try making an offering and asking him what he wanted

i was high and it seemed like a decent enough idea so i did, and then before bed while i was drunk i did it again because that seemed like a good idea

that night i dreamt of dionysus sitting in the garden and calling me out to speak with him, he was completely calming even though part of me felt terrified

and he told me all of the good things that would happen if i accepted him, and how i'd go mad if i didn't

then he walked me back to my bed where i fell asleep in my dream and woke up in real life

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 18:41:38 No.18769612 Report

Quoted By: >>18769968

>>18769362

anyway that's all calmed down now, or become normal i'm not sure which

there were dionysian rituals in the memories too, they started to be a thing



after i had another visitation dream

from a guy who looked really young, seemed really old with a black goat and a white goat

he told me to think about the offer, and showed me an alternative to accepting

anyway the memories still linger, they stopped being so intense after a suicide attempt, then easy to deal with after chronic illness set in

i have all of this free time as a result so i figured i'd try to learn about the things she was into to try to find answers and just to know

it's like an occult science experiment for me i guess

my ex went kind of crazy, all women always end up acting crazy after they've been around me too long and then blame me for it

so i've had no one to learn anything from and it's hard to find people who know what they're talking about

i've been here before i was told to read books, but actually sitting down and reading didn't work out

the memories have been nagging me lately so i'm back around

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 18:44:10 No.18769621 Report

>>18769362

i also keep feeling like something is happening so i keep wondering why, and have no idea where to look to actually find anything

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 18:58:04 No.18769669 Report

Quoted By: >>18769968

>>18769362

one other thing my ex was convinced venus had a soft spot for me, she said it like that

told me that praying to her would work too, but i've never had any dreams or anything as far as she goes

my ex just really believed that, i'm not sure why

that's the abridged version, still really long

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 19:47:00 No.18769871 Report

[https://youtu.be/6zDT\\_uGYdVs](https://youtu.be/6zDT_uGYdVs)

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 20:19:40 No.18769968 Report

Quoted By: >>18770229

>>18769519

>>18769573

>>18769612

>>18769669

I think I remember you from past /omg/ threads asking questions about Dionysian. Do you remember the details on the past life ritual or the Dionysian rituals? I'm assuming you can't find these online so it would be interesting to read about. Also what's your ethnicity and nationality if you're comfortable with sharing.

Thanks for sharing and post more stories if you are feeling generous.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:19:57 No.18770229 Report

Quoted By: >>18770234

>>18769968

good memory, i had plans to do research and then i went on a hard drug binge for a while instead

i never saw her do the ritual i just know about a dagger and a candle, it was in january 5 years ago, mid-january i think, and then again in may or something like that

i'm rarely sober my days blur together and i've been like this for years so it's hard for me to give exact times

i tried to look the ritual up at one point, couldn't find it so i asked her and she told me it came to her in a dreams

my memories of the rituals are vivid and hazy, apparently i had a really bad drug and alcohol problem then too and drinking was part of the ritual

i remember drinking blood mixed with wine and honey, having sex with women who were covered in blood after they killed animals in the woods

among other things, basic shit i guess, but when i first had the memories i had no idea this has all been a crash course into things i never gave a second thought to honestly

i remember more details than that, but i'm sure you could imagine why i'm not up for rehashing those

issue is they still have lingering sentiment

my fiance dreamt about symbols painted in blood, woke up and drew some of them

they were old alchemy symbols, some measurements some ingredients but not many and nothing cohesive

still might have them somewhere i'm not sure, but probably i have things scattered everywhere

i'm a disorganized mess and i've moved around a lot, so my things are scattered across two states

as far as i know based on other family members' research everything goes back to spain and italy

i only don't know about my grandmother on my father's side

she actually died right before my parents found out they were having me

my mother dreamt about her throughout the entire pregnancy telling her everything would be ok, smiling and saying to her "i know what you're having"

my mother found them comforting, she had a miscarriage a few months before she found out she was having me

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The image is a close-up photograph of a person's face, which appears to be a man, with a blurred background that suggests a dimly lit environment. The person's mouth is open, revealing teeth, and they are smiling. The person is wearing glasses and a red shirt. Overlaid on the image is a text that reads "Revvng intensifies" in a stylized font, with the word "Intensifies" in a larger font size than the rest of the text. The overall style of the image is informal and seems to be a meme or a humorous image.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:21:27 No.18770234 Report

Quoted By: >>18770260

>>18770229

>apparently i had a really bad drug and alcohol problem then too and drinking was part of the ritual

>i remember drinking blood mixed with wine and honey, having sex with women who were covered in blood after they killed animals in the woods

>among other things, basic shit i guess  
Oh, youth. How I pine for thee again.  
Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:22:27 No.18770238 Report  
Quoted By: >>18770266  
>>18765899

What is the first ritual of the cultus saabati that one should perform if one wants to contact that current?

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:26:35 No.18770260 Report  
Quoted By: >>18770277  
>>18770234

you miss drinking blood in the woods?  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:28:31 No.18770266 Report  
Quoted By: >>18770411  
>>18770238

It's sorta not that simple.  
How much money do you have to spend on ritual tools?  
Or, how accessible are graves to rob?

It also depends on your means of approach. The simplest is with toad-bone, as there's fewer tool gathering requirements. Also, Dragon Book of Essex assumes a Quadrigan Covine, so unless you have three other people be prepared to be in the woods for five hours at a time.

The Dragon book of Essex starts with the Rite of Ka, the Right of the Hieros Gamos. You bleed and orgasm into a wooden or glass vessel every day for thirty days with oration usually between Oct and Nov. for a ritual that takes place on the Solstice (The Rite of I, or The Rite of the Black Sun, or the Rite of the Draconian Oracle).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EBAzLNJon08>  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:30:11 No.18770277 Report  
Quoted By: >>18770298 >>18770314  
>>18770260  
You don't?  
>>18758568  
><https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Htl3XWUhUOM>  
Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:34:44 No.18770298 Report  
Quoted By: >>18770326  
>>18770277

i typically prefer to keep my blood drinking to one person and in bed

i'm aware of what the whole thing sounds like, but i don't have any control over the things that were remembered

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:38:38 No.18770314 Report  
Quoted By: >>18770326  
>>18770277

the memories are blurred with a lot of opium and alcohol abuse, apparently i haven't changed much

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The image is a black and white photograph featuring a group of individuals in a dimly lit room. The central figure is a person with a back turned to the camera, who appears to be in a seated position. This individual is facing a group of people who are standing and facing the seated person. The standing individuals are facing the seated person, and they seem to be engaged in a conversation or discussion. The seated person is wearing a white garment, and the standing individuals are wearing what appears to be casual clothing. The lighting in the room is subdued, with the focus on the seated person and the group of people facing them. There are no discernible texts or logos in the image. The style of the photograph is reminiscent of classic portraiture, with a focus on the human form and the interaction between the subjects.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:40:36 No.18770326 Report

Quoted By: >>18770342

>>18770298

>>18770314

>he doesn't opium fueled blood-orgies in the untamed wilds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lZcVNLD-YY>

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:45:42 No.18770342 Report

Quoted By: >>18770382

>>18770326

well no one could ever accuse you of being helpful

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:53:37 No.18770374 Report

Quoted By: >>18770400

><https://www.samharris.org/podcast/item/meaning-and-chaos>

occultists btfo at 50:41

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:54:56 No.18770382 Report

Quoted By: >>18770397

>>18770342

<https://youtu.be/OW3onAipnzQ>

ijs

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 21:59:42 No.18770397 Report

Quoted By: >>18770410

>>18770382

me too, at least i didn't expect to find anyone with actual insight into what happened here

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:00:20 No.18770400 Report

Quoted By: >>18770472

>>18770374

This is typical Sam Harris, a nice whataboutism about the ineffecualness of making heads or tails of mystical concerns when he cares enough about it to become a neuroscientist of mystical states, as if his phenomenology is the only phenomenology worth anyone's time.

I love that Harris calls out Crowley as sketchy without having offering any functional critique of the methods and praxes, while speaking of Hall as if the man offers practical instruction rather than history too old for it's own good.

I mean, I could just post Harris' own talk "On the Dangers of Atheism" and point out how badly he's following his own advice or McKenna's "Skepticism and the Balkanization of Epistemology" but even that seems like too much work in the face of a criticism no deeper than "nuh uhh".

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:02:17 No.18770410 Report

Quoted By: >>18770458

>>18770397

I wasn't there to record, mate.

I could go on about the Dionysian aspects of Thelemic initiation and the ritual year, but I don't think it's super applicable to your story.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:02:19 No.18770411 Report

Quoted By: >>18770429 >>18770459

>>18770266

I've received indications that I should do both of those things (toad bone and the rite of Ka). I also have theoretical access to human remains and a fair amount of cash. The ritual partner thing is more complicated but I've been guided to people before. Should I perhaps start with the toad bone stuff as I wait for the "ritual year" to start?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:06:27 No.18770429 Report

Quoted By: >>18770482

>>18770411

>Should I perhaps start with the toad bone stuff as I wait for the "ritual year" to start?

That's what I'd do.

Find a frog.  
Kill it.  
String it up on a thornbush to die.  
Maybe run Crowley's Cross of the Frog.  
Once dead take to an anthill.  
Let it strip the flesh clean.  
You need the scapula and the ilium.  
String these onto a rosary.  
See:  
>ONE: The Grimoire of the Golden Toad  
>Leaper Between  
For further information.  
Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:12:03 No.18770458 Report  
Quoted By: >>18770472  
>>18770410

not applicable in what way? i don't even know what you're talking about honestly

my knowledge doesn't extend very far past my personal experiences, half listening to my ex, research a friend of mine did but she was mostly looking at historical facts, and some stuff this woman i know who converted to christianity after getting into the occult told me

i can tell you aren't taking me seriously, but i'm not some /x/ larper, i'm trying to figure this all out because my get high and hope it goes away method hasn't worked and i've been getting a nagging feeling about everything lately  
Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:12:04 No.18770459 Report  
Quoted By: >>18770482  
>>18770411

We'll, where are you?  
The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:18:31 No.18770472 Report  
Quoted By: >>18770491  
>>18770400

I feel compelled to laugh at this the more I think about it.

The hilarious parts in all this are that I could swap out Crowley for whichever Buddhist commentators are Harris' favorite for large chunks of the phenomenology that Harris is interested in (Oceanic consciousness), and then write off the stuff that tickles his thinker as "irrelevant ancient concerns" and literally have equal footing with Harris in terms of sophistication of argument.

Further, it betrays Harris' fundamental ignorance of the author he's shitposting given their perspective on "religion" as the masses practice it are more related than the vast majority of other mystics, given AC proclaimed Russell's critique of Christianity as Gospel, liking it so much that he wrote a massive commentary thereon using his voluminous Biblical knowledge to justify the whole thing.

>>18770458  
>i can tell you aren't taking me seriously  
No, I just can't say anything definite with as few details. I've seen/done/been through some shit. If I had all of everyone's answers I wouldn't be on fuckpostchan, that's for sure.  
Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:22:00 No.18770482 Report  
>>18770429  
Thanks dawg. You've been more helpful to me over the years than you know.  
>>18770459  
East coast us  
Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:25:49 No.18770491 Report  
Quoted By: >>18770585  
>>18770472

i'm not expecting answers, looking for them sure, but i don't expect anything to just be handed to me

part of my issue is direction, all of this happened and things haven't just gone away, i figured maybe they would

anyway i haven't seen the person who could point me in one direction or another in 4 years and this is all something i've never had a lot of exposure to

i'm not sure what to do with it, and i don't know what direction to look in either

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:51:08 No.18770585 Report

Quoted By: >>18770646

>>18770491

Why don't you read some books, bear down and focus so you can build the scaffolding necessary to understand the experiences. This thread literally gives you access to a priceless collection of esoteric texts

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNA0Trace born-to-think-world-is-absurd-su (...).png, 112KiB, 500x561

The image is a black and white photograph featuring a man with a serious expression. He is wearing a coat and has a cigarette in his mouth. The man's gaze is directed towards the camera, and his hair is styled in a short, combed-back style. The background is blurred, suggesting an urban setting.

At the top of the image, there is a text overlay in a bold, sans-serif font that reads "BORN TO THINK WORLD IS ABSURD." Below this, in a smaller font, is the phrase "Suicide Em All 1942" followed by "I am Sisyphus Man" and "410.757.864.530" in a smaller font. The text is arranged in a way that suggests a list or a list of numbers.

The overall style of the image is reminiscent of a meme or a social media post, with the text and the image of the man being the central elements. The monochrome color scheme adds to the dramatic and serious tone of the image.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:51:21 No.18770587 Report

Quoted By: >>18770603

>tfw you find out you accidentally had a hand in flaming the David Griffin/DMKU/Wicca wars.

Life is absurd.

Hail Eris.

καλλίστη

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:53:43 No.18770603 Report

Quoted By: >>18770612 >>18770628

>>18770587

Holy shit I was literally right about to post about that. What the fuck happened to that shit? Why does the phrase "octarine spring" make me so geeked out?

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNA0Trace 16142339\_1431579013560214\_296196 (...).jpg, 27KiB, 960x490

The image is a split-screen graphic with two separate panels. On the left, there is a black silhouette of a person with a surprised expression, looking at the right side of the image. The person has a speech bubble with the text "So are you a liberal or a conservative?" The right side of the image features a stylized, colorful, and abstract representation of a pyramid with a blue and purple hue, and a triangular shape with a jagged edge. The pyramid is tilted to the right and appears to be in motion. Below the pyramid, there is a text bubble with the text "I hate humans and want a meme-based economy." The background of the image is white, and there is a black outline around the image, which suggests it is a digital or digital art piece. The overall style of the image is humorous and satirical, with a focus on political and economic themes.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:55:35 No.18770612 Report

Quoted By: >>18770628

>>18770603

Stay calm and Hail Eris.

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The image is a series of four panels, each depicting a character with a unique visual element. The character in the top left panel is holding an apple with the letter "K" on it. The character in the top right panel has an eye with a triangle above it, and the character in the bottom left panel has an eye with a

triangle below it. The character in the bottom right panel has an apple with the letter "K" on it. The background of each panel is a green grassy area. The text in the image includes "#LOCKDOWNNAVIGUES" and "@lockdownninjas". The style of the image is a cartoon or comic strip, with a simple, clean line drawing style. The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 22:59:39 No.18770628 Report

Quoted By: >>18770668 >>18770680 >>18770709

>>18770603

>>18770612

>And this story has it all: black magicians drunk with power, pretending to be harmless chaos magicians; civil war; race issues; a master magician armed with the sword of knowledge determined to free mankind from enslavement from black magicians.

<http://gleamingsfromthedawn.blogspot.com/2016/02/occult-fiction-of-david-griffin-hashtag.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01oQgLI7WHc>

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:01:42 No.18770646 Report

Quoted By: >>18770669

>>18770585

that's easier said than done when you're a druggie and a drunk with a hectic life

besides how do i know what books would even worth reading in my situation? and what order do i read them in? having a lot of information doesn't make choosing information any easier

i wish i could just find another woman who wants to sleep with me who knows this kind of thing and will just tell me it all without me having to think or function on my own, or a guy i'm not picky

i'm really probably the worst person an experience like this could've been wasted on to be honest

i'm not particularly functional

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:08:37 No.18770668 Report

Quoted By: >>18770683

>>18770628

Honestly I'm speechless, the level of pettiness displayed in this story is shocking. One thing I've learned from the whole Trump/Kek fiasco that applies here is that people who find themselves on the wrong side of absurdity always lose

View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNA0Trace former.jpg, 43KiB, 540x547

The image is a collage of various elements, predominantly featuring text and images. At the top, there is a title that reads "former child genius on a downward spiral starter pack." Below the title, there are several text boxes with different topics. The first text box asks, "How Often Do You Really Need to Shower?" and the second one says, "I just received an email saying you have 11 missing assignments. This is unforgivable." The third text box is titled "Narcissistic personality disorder," and the fourth one is titled "Natural American Spirit."

In the center of the image, there is a large image of a person lying on their stomach with their head on a toilet, appearing to be in a state of distress. The person is wearing a red dress and has long hair.

To the right of the image, there is a book cover with the title "Natural American Spirit" and a graphic of a woman with long hair.

Below the book cover, there is a text box that says, "Am I going?" and below that, there is a hashtag "#goddeathmemes."

The bottom of the image features a close-up of a person's eye with a black iris and a white pupil.

The overall style of the image is casual and humorous, with a focus on text and images that seem to be related to mental health and self-care.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:08:38 No.18770669 Report

Quoted By: >>18770706

>>18770646  
>i'm not particularly functional  
You should work on that.

On a lighter tone I know you were griping about feeling picked which made me reluctant to post pic related but it's still funny without your reply.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:12:37 No.18770680 Report

Quoted By: >>18770683

>>18770628

You just know the Thule society is sitting somewhere in a German bunker and laughing their asses off while they continue to inflame a race war. Ugh  
View SameOCRGoogleiqdbSauceNAOTrace 1489409382799.jpg, 34KiB, 559x476  
The image is a meme featuring a close-up of a person's face with a hand raised, seemingly in a gesture of surprise or shock. The person has a serious expression and is looking directly at the camera. The background is blurred, with a dark color that contrasts with the person's face.

In the upper left corner of the image, there is a text that reads "Anonymous ID: 44RF0C" followed by a timestamp "01/26/17 (Thu) 17:48:02 No. 109199747". Below this, there is a question in a bold, capitalized font that reads "who the fuck are these freaks and why are they such a big deal all of a sudden". The text is in white, which stands out against the dark background.

In the bottom right corner of the image, there is a blue button with the text "QUICK RUNDOWN" in white letters. The button is slightly tilted, and the text is in a smaller font size compared to the question. The button is positioned in the lower right corner of the image, which is separated from the main body of the meme by a thin white line.

The overall style of the image is humorous and satirical, with the meme combining elements of surprise, shock, and a sense of humor. The use of the phrase "QUICK RUNDOWN" suggests a rapid or sudden action, which is often associated with surprise or shock. The meme seems to be commenting on the sudden popularity or significance of a particular group or individual, as indicated by the question in the meme.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:13:43 No.18770683 Report

>>18770680

>>18770668

<https://youtu.be/LQhX8PbNUWI>

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:16:24 No.18770686 Report

Quoted By: >>18770692

What do you guys think of this book

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/d/Books/Occult-Colin-Wilson/1780288468>

I'm new to this. So far have read the satanic bible and psychonaut

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:17:50 No.18770692 Report

Quoted By: >>18770698

>>18770686

It's pretty damn good. One of the first books on the subject I ever read.

He's critical of a some folks I like, but shits on them less than outright avoids them.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:19:07 No.18770698 Report

Quoted By: >>18770747

>>18770692

How many of the books from this library have you actually read from start to finish? Because this is something that really fascinates me right now but it would take a lifetime to study properly

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:21:58 No.18770706 Report

>>18770669

i stopped taking heroin for a bit and coke and pills, step in the right direction? really though i wouldn't put money on me doing much better than i am right now with any of that and even sober i'm shit at it anyway

some people are just fucked with that though right?



i'm still at the "why me? why this? what even?" stage yeah, but i still have a sense of humor and that made me laugh

it's about 75% accurate

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:22:36 No.18770709 Report

Quoted By: >>18770747

>>18770628

How were you involved in this mess if I may ask.

This connects to an issue I've been having and I think a lot of practicing occultists have which is how to operate in what Chumley referred to as the "Market" while staying true to ones magical self. I'd love to find more real ass practitioners but established occult groups are full of bullshit internal politics even if they aren't giant energy farms. To be honest I've gotten more assistance on praxis from this thread on an anonymous image board than any other community. Perhaps that suggests that non hierarchical study groups make sense in this day and age? I'd love to create something like the Ku-Sebittu that experiments with the channeling of all sorts of different currents and acts as a "meeting house" for various mages. Maybe I'm just too idealistic

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:24:09 No.18770715 Report

Quoted By: >>18770747

What do you guys think of the Temple of Set?

Anyone here a member?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:34:05 No.18770747 Report

Quoted By: >>18770769

>>18770698

Something like two thirds and rising.

When it was smaller I could say I read three quarters of it but it's crept up on me.

>>18770709

After "Octarine spring" started to autoreport in some forums I realized I probably participated in a few bans that made Griffin have an apoplectic breakdown.

>Perhaps that suggests that non hierarchical study groups make sense in this day and age?

For all his flaws Kenneth Grant was NOT wrong about his critiques of the Freemasonic model and an attempt to move to astral lodges.

>I'd love to create something like the Ku-Sebittu that experiments with the channeling of all sorts of different currents and acts as a "meeting house" for various mages. Maybe I'm just too idealistic

It's hard to find people who want to work. The Golden Dawn dude I was in contact suggested the name "Black Ivory Lodge" for an online CS study/practice group.

We'd tinkered with the idea of running the rites where he takes these elemental orations then I'd take the others but there's too much of a time differential between us to run it properly.

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Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:40:05 No.18770769 Report

Quoted By: >>18770840

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>It's hard to find people who want to work. The Golden Dawn dude I was in

contact suggested the name "Black Ivory Lodge" for an online CS study/practice group

I would dedicate a fair amount of time to this if you actually decided to do it, although I'm a novice when it comes to CS I can do my homework. I bet you'd find others who are interested as well.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:41:53 No.18770771 Report

Quoted By: >>18770791

What are the absolute entry level must read for someone interested in becoming a wizard

How many years does it take to read it all

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:44:40 No.18770788 Report

Quoted By: >>18770802

Does doing any type of magick such as sigil magick cause demons to start fucking with you and end up getting schizophrenia or any other mental disorders?

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:45:15 No.18770791 Report

>>18770771

Depending on your work ethic and reading comprehension it can take years. Doing the Work matters a lot and as far as I can tell you either have a Will for it or you don't.

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:47:30 No.18770802 Report

>>18770788

all of it

Anonymous Mon 13 Mar 2017 23:48:28 No.18770806 Report

Quoted By: >>18770877

Can a fictional story I wrote be considered a sigil?

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Tue 14 Mar 2017 00:02:00 No.18770840 Report

Quoted By: >>18770877

>>18770769

I'm about to fuck off to bed. I'll make a new thread tomorrow afternoon.

Anonymous Tue 14 Mar 2017 00:16:14 No.18770877 Report

>>18770806

Grant Morrison seems to think so.

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Goodnight bb

LunaIs33011 \$3301110113110031313013010310301 Tue 14 Mar 2017 02:26:34

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The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Tue 14 Mar 2017 08:09:03 No.18771889 Report

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHdpxpjYzVY>

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The image is a cover of a book titled "Chaos Magick." The cover features a man sitting at a wooden table with a laptop in front of him. The man appears to be in a state of distress or frustration, with his mouth open wide and his eyes wide open. He is shirtless and has a beard. The background of the image is a kitchen setting with various objects such as bottles, a refrigerator, and a sink.

The text on the cover is in a bold, serif font and reads "Chaos Magick" at the top, followed by "How One Man Turned His Chronic Masturbation Habit into An Overnight Financial Success Story" in a smaller font. Below this, there is a subtitle that reads "And Now You Can Follow His Step-by-Step System to Gain Everything You Ever Wanted." At the bottom of the cover, there is a circular emblem with a design that includes a star and a crescent moon. The overall style of the image is graphic and bold, with a focus on the title and the central image of the man.

The Ape of !Th0tH..7io Tue 14 Mar 2017 11:59:03 No.18772403 Report

>tfw you sink \$20 into a cow's tongue that you won't eat half of to run an